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WAITING BEFORE THE ATTACK

Imperial Forces Thoroughly Exploring Tobruk

Disobeys Orders, Gets M.M.

An ack-ack gunner who disobeyed orders and was later summoned before a Court of Enquiry has been given the Military Medal.

Gunner Bennett was in charge of an anti-aircraft gun when an enemy 'plane flew within easy range.

Regulations forbade him to open fire unless he received such an order from a superior officer.

But the temptation was just a little too great for Bennett, who told his comrades he could not let the chance go by.

He opened fire, and the raided was brought crashing down.

A Court of Enquiry was called to consider what punishment should be inflicted.

When the full facts were laid before the G.O.C., however, he decided that there should be no punishment — and that Gunner Bennett should be awarded the M.M.!—Reuter.

U.S. NAVY DEMANDS 400 SMALL SHIPS

The United States Navy has asked Congress for authority to build 400 small vessels, including submarine chasers, minesweepers and torpedo-boats.

Rear-Admiral Samuel Robinson told the House Naval Committee yesterday that 280 of the vessels were "urgently needed" and that Congress would be asked immediately for $310,000,000 for their construction. — Reuter.

Necessity Of Storing Up Full Supplies

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Advanced Headquarters Outside Tobruk)

A PERIOD OF WAITING BEFORE THE ATTACK ON TOBRUK IS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY ON ACCOUNT OF PATROL ACTIVITY, TO EXPLORE TOBRUK'S DEFENCES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE NECESSITY OF STORING UP GENEROUS SUPPLIES OF FOOD, WATER AND AMMUNITION.

"In this desert war the quartermaster seems to have become almost as important as the fighting man," said one officer, who explained that some idea of the Army of the Nile's present problems and past achievements could be got when the present campaign is expressed in terms of Britain itself.

The task of attacking Tobruk from base at Alexandria or Cairo would be similar to that facing a hostile army trying to attack the Bay of Inverness from London without any railway beyond York and with a single road between York and Inverness, either indescribably bad or almost non-existent.

Add to this a complete absence of water supplies or petrol pumps anywhere along the route, and sandstorms like a pea-soup fog totally obscuring the road and aerodromes for days at a time.

Actually, the more I see of the Western Desert the more it seems clear that the British Army has no right to be outside Tobruk at all.

Anybody But The Italians

Bardia's defences alone, in the hands of anybody but the Italians, might have occupied our troops for months.

I spent two days inspecting the Bardia defence zone and all officers and men to whom I have spoken expressed astonishment that the Italians surrendered after only 36 hours fighting.

The whole defended area constitutes a natural fortress with deep ravines and caves protected by many feet of solid rock, proof against any bomb or shell and containing huge stores of ammunition and food.

Network Of Caves

Part of the Headquarter Staff was housed in a network of caves and tunnels. The general's office had over 30 feet of rock above it and had its own electric light.

Beside these natural advantages Bardia had a series of well-constructed defence posts reinforced with concrete.

Apropos the Italian surrender, an amusing story of how one of the Bardia generals was captured, is told.

A British sergeant saw a movement in a cave on the seashore and shouted to the occupants to come out. Failing any response he fired two revolver shots into the cave, without reply.

A British colonel bathing nearby came to assist the sergeant and stationed himself at the other exit of the cave, where the Italian general finally appeared and was arrested by the colonel wearing only a pair of slippers and a revolver. — Reuter.

ITALIANS "CRUEL" LOSSES

Following the failure of two Italian counter-attacks——in one of which they suffered losses described by the Greeks as "cruel"—the Greeks advanced a little further yesterday despite heavy snow storms and bitter cold.

The Italians have withdrawn to strong natural positions north of Klissoura and are making desperate efforts to stop the Greek drive on Berat. Local engagements are intense.

Greek artillery is very active both in the Klissoura sector and in the coastal area, where the Italians have been shelled for some time.

Aerial activity was stopped yesterday by the weather.

It is pointed out in Athens that the Greeks still have plenty of reserves in men and money.

Only 12 classes have been called up, while general mobilisation would bring 20 classes to the Colours. — Reuter.

NEW BARRACKS IN BOMBAY

New naval barracks, to house 500, were opened in Bombay yesterday pursuant to the Royal Indian Navy expansion scheme, says Reuter.

DAZED PROFESSOR ON MURDER CHARGE

PROFESSOR LLOYD JAMES was remanded for a week in custody at Hampstead court yesterday charged with the murder of his wife, a former noted violinist, who was found dead, from wounds, in the bedroom of her home on Tuesday.

Police stated that they found the body and Professor James was later arrested and charged with murder.

When cautioned James said: "We were so happy. I wanted her to die while she was like that."

There were two scratches on James' left cheek and his shirt-cuff was blood-stained. The police seized a large fork, a hammer and a poker.

James told the police: "I thought my powers were failing and I could not cope with my work. Rather than expect her to face a bleak future I decided that she should die and not be asked to face it.

"I thought I would also kill myself."

Later James said: "My brain will not function."

In court, James said he did not think he had said he would take his own life.

James appeared dazed in court. —Reuter.

AN URGENT SUMMONS

IT WAS REPORTED IN BELGRADE FROM BUCHAREST LAST NIGHT THAT GENERAL ANTONESCU, THE RUMANIAN PREMIER, HAS BEEN URGENTLY SUMMONED TO BERLIN AND IS LEAVING BY TRAIN TO-DAY.—REUTER.

BURMA MISSION FOR CHINA

The Burma Government mission to China left Rangoon for Chungking yesterday. — Reuter.

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GANDHI'S MANOEUVRE

J. A. Spender On Congress Non-Violence Policy

No Need For Alarm In India

J. A. SPENDER, writing in the London "Times" yesterday, says: "I have long been a subscriber to Mr. Gandhi's periodical 'Harijan,' the latest number of which has just reached me, with an intimation that it is to be the last for the present.

"Gandhi explains that having been advised it ought to be submitted to the censor he has decided to suspend it rather than make this submission or expose himself and others to prosecution by not making it.

"His writings in this periodical have thrown so much light on the present situation in India that I will ask your leave to add a general impression of them to what other correspondents have written to you recently about our Indian policy.

"At the beginning of last summer he (Mr. Gandhi) seemed to be entertaining an idea of obtaining political advantages for India by her participation in the war, and this was then supposed to be the policy of Congress.

"India, so far as Congress could decide the matter, was to participate on condition that she received concessions variously defined as "complete independence" or "Dominion status," either immediately or in the near future.

"On this basis the Viceroy and Government of India proceeded to explore the ground and issued a proclamation which they hoped would, even if it were not immediately acceptable pave the way for further negotiations.

New Gandhi Stand

"But while the debate on this matter was going forward Mr. Gandhi was taking up new ground and he now made it known that he had come to the conclusion that any participation whatever by India in the war was contrary to his principle of "non-violence" and must be barred in the forum of the conscience.

"The development of this and the mystification it caused to his supporters may be traced week by week in the files of 'Harijan.'

"He has invited all objectors to state their views and has answered them with unfailing patience and good humour.

"The charge of inconsistency leaves him quite unconcerned. He frankly confesses that he took the wrong road about this or was mistaken about that but is passionately convinced that he is right now.

"Moral Miracle"

"Week by week he has enlarged his idea until he sees India doing a service to all the world by furnishing an example of the virtue and value of non-violence.

"He protests that he dislikes Nazism and Fascism quite as much as we do and that he desires to cause us the minimum of embarrassment but that in seeking to raise conscientious objection from the idiosyncracy of a few thousand individuals to the creed of a whole nation he is doing a service to all humanity and to us too eventually.

"He sincerely believed that the Dictators would quail before this manifestation but if they did not and the way were open to them to invade India, he thinks they would be helpless before this moral miracle.

"I have found it profoundly interesting to trace his development of this doctrine week by week and have felt a very real respect for the unflinching courage with which he follows where his argument leads him.

Followers Perplexed

"But, at the end of it all, he leaves us in a position in which there is no possible reconciliation with him short of adopting his views, going out of the war and promising to eschew violence in future dealings with our enemy.

"Anything less would, from Mr. Gandhi's point of view, be participation in sin.

"Where Mr. Gandhi leads Congress follows.

"It is evident from the columns devoted to debates between him and members of his Party that many of them are greatly perplexed both by his doctrine and by his explanations of it. To suppose that any large number of them are in any real sense conscientious objectors would, I am sure, be a mistake.

"But the relations of Mr. Gandhi to Congress much more resemble those of a Dictator to his 'Party' than those of an ordinary political leader to his supporters. He, like Hitler and Mussolini, is 'always right' and when he speaks he must be obeyed.

Government Of Blimps

"We must take it for the present that non-violence is the policy of Congress. But if so, the critics of our Indian policy may fairly be asked not to persist in the statement that the aspirations of India are being blocked by a Government of Colonel Blimps and Imperialist Die-Hards.

"This is the substance of German propaganda, especially in America, where Gandhism appeals to a generous and widely spread but uninformed opinion.

"For he not only holds these opinions, as he is entitled to do, but has instructed an important group of his followers to go out and preach them — to denounce the war and discourage recruiting, with the consequence which he anticipates and invites, that they will be arrested and sentenced to imprisonment.

"No Government at war can be expected to tolerate this, but the judge or magistrate who has to deal with these cases immediately finds himself in a dilemma. If he gives long sentences he will be denounced for harshness, if he gives short ones the offenders will repeat their offences as soon as they are out of prison and have, to be imprisoned again, which may seem even harsher.

No Need For Alarm

"I suggest that the Government of India must be left to use its own discretion in deciding what it is wise to do. There is no need for alarm. India — British India as well as the India of the Princes — is making a handsome contribution to the war, both in men and materials and she will yet give us more of both.

"Nor need we be at all discouraged in seeking a solution of new political problems by any of the political manoeuvres or catch-cries of the moment.

"'Complete independence' sounds formidable but again and again I have had it explained to me by Indian politicians that if they can be free agents only for a week, their self-respect will be restored and they will immediately make a treaty with us, giving us all that we desire. The Egyptian model is in their minds.

Root Of The Matter

"So far as political Indians are concerned the root of the trouble is that they feel their self-respect to have been wounded when they were taken into the war without their consent being asked. This is the root of the matter.

"The war will, I believe, show them, as it will show others' in the same position, the necessity of a partnership, with a strong power but we must then, more than ever, persist in the endeavour to make it a real partnership in which they will have the sense of working on a basis of equality, controlling their own fate." — Reuter.

DETECTIVE SHOT DEAD IN N.T.

A Chinese member of the Hong Kong Police Force, Police Detective Ip Hung (No. C519) was shot dead last night in the New Territories.

A friend of the detective, Liu Kan, who was accompanying him, was wounded seriously and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

They were walking together in Kut Hing Street in Tai-O District at about 8.30 p.m. when they saw two suspicous characters. Ordered to halt for a search, one of the men produced a revolver and fired at the detective.

Liu Kan grappled with the assailant and was wounded. Both men escaped.

FRENCH REPLY TO VICHY ADMIRAL

But for pressure exerted by the Vichy Government the whole French Empire, in addition to the colonies, would have flocked to the banner of General de Gaulle, declared Professor Rene Cassin, former President of the French Ex-Servicemen's Association, speaking in London yesterday.

Professor Cassin was replying to the assertion of Admiral Platon, Vichy's Colonial Secretary, that Great Britain intended to grasp whatever she could of the French Empire. — Reuter.

NEW P.A.A. ROUTE IN ATLANTIC

PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS ARE PREPARING TO OPEN A NEW WESTBOUND TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE FROM LISBON TO NEW YORK, VIA PORTUGUESE GUINEA & TRINIDAD, IMMEDIATELY THE UNITED STATES CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY GRANTS PAN-AMERICA'S APPLICATION TO USE THAT ROUTE, REUTER LEARNED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY FROM A PAN-AMERICAN SPOKESMAN.

The first survey flight will possibly be made this month by the Yankee Clipper which has been specially re-built for the new route, which is nearly twice the distance of the Lisbon-Bermuda-New York direct service, but avoids the prevailing headwinds and gives the pilots better wintertime flying weather.

It also enables the Clippers to maintain better schedules and carry bigger loads.

Two other Clippers are being overhauled and will be used to maintain two weekly wintertime trips.—Reuter.

QUISLING STORM TROOPS RESISTED

WIDESPREAD RESISTANCE is being offered to the New Order the Germans are trying to impose on Norway, according to reports reaching the Norwegian Telegraphic Agency in London yesterday.

The tyranny of Quisling Storm Troopers has aroused the civilian population and disturbances have occurred. Several people were injured in fighting in Drammen where German Storm Troopers ill-treated people arrested in street fighting. People in the streets were attacked and reprisals followed.

Four Storm Troopers about to be thrown into the river were rescued by the Germans and a Storm Troop Leader mobbed.

Following the disturbances a curfew was imposed in Stavanger.

Arrests are reported from many parts, including well-known people at Bergen. New prisoners continually arrive at the Ulven concentration camp nearby.

Meet Tyranny By Force

An appeal to meet tyranny by force has been secretly circulated in eastern Norway. Unrest has increased by the German filching of the country's food stocks which are rapidly dwindling.

Plain clothes police have been organised in Oslo to deal with hostile posters and spies to tap telephones.

The Agency reports increased hostility between Quislingites and the Germans whose high officials regard Quisling and his friends with contempt and ignore so-called Ministers.

"Rats" Within

It is suggested that the Germans' attitude may be deliberate to win anti-Quisling elements, but anti-German feeling was never stronger.

Disagreement is also reported among Quislingites, some "Ministers" and party officials resenting the German conduct and some party members have resigned.

The 'Hirdmannen', the Storm Troopers' journal, complains of 'rats' trying to destroy the movement from within.—Reuter.

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Cordell Hull's Strong Condemnation Of Japan

Plain Speaking On 'New Order' In Pacific

"THE PROPOSED SO-CALLED NEW ORDER IN THE PACIFIC MEANS DOMINATION BY ONE COUNTRY TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE INTERESTS OF OTHER NATIONS."

So declared Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, who was the first witness to testify before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives when it began examination of the "Lend And Lease" Bill to Aid Britain yesterday.

Such a programme for the subjugation and exploitation of so many people by one nation was of great concern to the entire world, Mr. Hull continued; nevertheless, the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interest would be in friendly relations with the United States.

Mr. Hull also declared that the "control of the sea by law-abiding nations is the key to the security of the Western Hemisphere."

Mr. Cordell Hull described the Bill as one which would enable the United States to alocate its resources "in the ways best calculated to provide for the security of this nation and this Continent.

"It will do all these things in the speediest possible manner," he added, "and overwhelmingly, speed is our greatest need today."

Plain Speaking

In a comprehensive survey of the international situation, Mr. Hull declared that Germany, Japan and Italy have made abundantly clear their determination "to repudiate and destroy the very foundations of civilised world order under law and enter upon the road of armed conquest, of the subjugation of other nations and of tyrannical rule over their victims."

Emphasising the importance of control of the high seas, Mr. Hull said that should the members of the Tripartite Pact gain that control, "the danger to our country, great as it is to-day, would be multiplied many-fold."

"Were Britain defeated, were she to lose command of the seas, Germany could easily cross the Atlantic, particularly the South Atlantic, unless we were ready and able to do what Britain is doing now.

Strike First

"Were the Atlantic to fall under German control, the Atlantic would offer little or no assurance of security."

Mr. Cordell Hull urged the importance of giving the maximum material assistance to Britain and other countries fighting the Axis

Replying to questions, such as whether the repairing of belligerent vessels in United States ports would be in violation of international law, Mr. Hull said: "The question is whether, in the face of a universally recognised movement to invade and conquer, peaceful nations shall wait until the invader crosses their boundary lines, or whether they shall recognise that this is a world movement of conquest and invoke the law of selfdefence before it is too late."

In the course of his testimony, Mr. Hull made one of the strongest condemnations of Japanese expansionist policy yet uttered by a member of the Roosevelt Administration.—Reuter.

A.A. DEFENCES OF FLEET TO BE STRENGTHENED

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday unanimously recommended legislation to authorise the strengthening of anti-aircraft defence of the United States Fleet at a cost of $300,000,000.

This would include the installations on board larger warships of the new type of five-inch pom-pom gun to combat dive-bombers.—Reuter.

PANACEA TO INDIA

THE SPIRIT OF COMRADESHIP, EXEMPLIFIED BY THE CONDUCT OF THE INDIAN TROOPS IN THE WESTERN DESERT, WAS HELD OUT AS A PANACEA TO INDIA BY SIR SIKANDER HYAT KHAN IN A BROADCAST FROM NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

He added: "My advice to India is to forget politics and concentrate on winning the war, as our men are doing, and in six months our political problems will have solved themselves."

Sir Sikandar gave Army Headquarters his impression of the Imperial and Indian troops now fighting in Africa.

He said: "Despite inferior numbers we are on top in both the Western Desert and the Sudan."

He revealed that Indian casualties were only 28 killed and 78 wounded. He declared that he was deeply impressed by the Indian troops during his visits to Egypt and the Sudan, especially by their extreme physical fitness and cheerfulness and by the evidence of the wholesome fear that the fighting qualities of the Imperial troops had induced in the enemy.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVITY

There was a pronounced resumption of interest in industrials on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Activity increased over a wide area and substantial gains were numerous. Tea shares were firm but the shortage of a floating supply of shares restricted the turn-over. Home rails went ahead while Kaffirs were supported by local operators. Gilt-edged, after a brisk demand, saw interest slacken but the early advances generally were maintained. Wall Street was very dull.—Reuter.

BOILING IT DOWN

THE SWEDISH NEWSPAPER "GOTHENBURG HANDELSTIDNING" YESTERDAY SAID THAT IN THE GERMAN PRESS "ONE MISSES THE USUAL JUBILATION OVER A GREAT RUSSO-GERMAN DIPLOMATIC VICTORY.

"Boiled down, Germany sought in the form of the agreement to stimulate Russia to increase the effort to satisfy German wishes. The agreement is based not on production and transport possibilities.

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MILITARY REGIME THREAT AGAINST THE CZECHS

THE SPIRIT OF CZECH independence has exasperated the temper of Baron von Neurath, Nazi "Protector of Bohemia and Moravia," while the latest reports from Norway show that the Norwegians are also making things awkward for their temporary overlords.

Reliable reports reaching London say that von Neurath has decided that it is impossible to trust a single Czech.

He summoned German officers and civil servants to his residence in Prague and told them that he would not hesitate to set up a military dictatorship if necessary, "because the spirit of Czech resistance must be broken."

He first showed signs of his temper by a signed article which he had published in all Czech newspapers in which he complained bitterly of the "lack of sympathy" for the German New Order."

Other articles in the Nazi-controlled Prague press attack the Czech Legion which, they say, must be disbanded.

Curfew In Norway

New measures, including curfew, have been put into effect by the Nazis in Norway.

The Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French News Agency reports that residents of Stavanger, Bergen, Haugesund, and Aalesund must be indoors by 8 p.m.

All public meetings are forbidden and certain quarters have had to be set aside for German troops because of incidents.

A number of arrests have followed the damaging of German property, and some reports state that the Nazis have had to send reinforcements to maintain order in Norway.

A three-month campaign only persuaded 500 Norwegian workers to go to Germany, and the Norwegian newspaper "Tidens Tegn" says that it was originally planned to send 5,000 workers "but some towns did not even send one man!"

Difficulties of communication between Oslo and Western Norway makes the control of public opinion difficult and every day the Nazi-controlled press storms against the "enemies of the New Order," saboteurs and those who "refuse to believe in a German victory." — Reuter.

GERMANS IN SICILY

There is no confirmation in authoritative quarters in London of reports that Sicily has practically been taken over by the Germans, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

These reports emanate chiefly from American sources and are probably based on the presence of German airmen and ground teams at some Sicilian aerodromes

Indeed, the claim of the British Air Ministry to have destroyed nine Junkers during the raid on Catania indicates that the British have definite information that German airmen helping Italy are based upon Sicily.

Participation of German airmen in the attack on a British convoy in Sicilian waters on January 10 also confirms this belief.—Reuter.

MEN IN YELLOW HATS

Among officials and workers at the scence of air-raid damage men wearing yellow tin hats, with two black diamonds on the front, may excit curiously.

They are gas identification officers belonging to a small but highly important service, whose duties are to inves igate suspected gas attacks or escapes. All the members of the service are trained rchemists, an they are always on duty whether at hoe or in theri laboratory or office, ready to go to where they may be wanted.

These officers are respon-ble no only for detec'ing the presence of whether coal gas, commercial gases or poison gas, but also for seeing that steps are taken to deal with them.

MIDLANDS GETTING IT AGAIN

There was little enemy activity over the British Isles during daylight yesterday.

Bombs were dropped in the West of Scotland and in one district in Kent, but there was little damage and no casualties are reported.

Up to a late hour last evening, there had been no alert in the London area, but enemy 'planes were believed to be in the vicinity of Liverpool and attacking towns in the east and west Midlands and in East Anglia.—Reuter.

CEYLON'S FIGHTERS

READERS OF THE "TIMES OF CEYLON" HAVE SO FAR GIVEN £67,500 TO BRITAIN FOR THE PURCHASE OF 'PLANES — ENOUGH TO BUY NINE FIGHTERS.

The latest contribution is £7,500 and donations for a tenth 'plane are pouring in.

Readers of this paper have also given another £2,500 to the Lord Mayor's air raid distress fund.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday expressed his warm appreciation of a gift from British, Indian and other residents of Bahrein Island, in the Persian Gulf, of £628.—Reuter.

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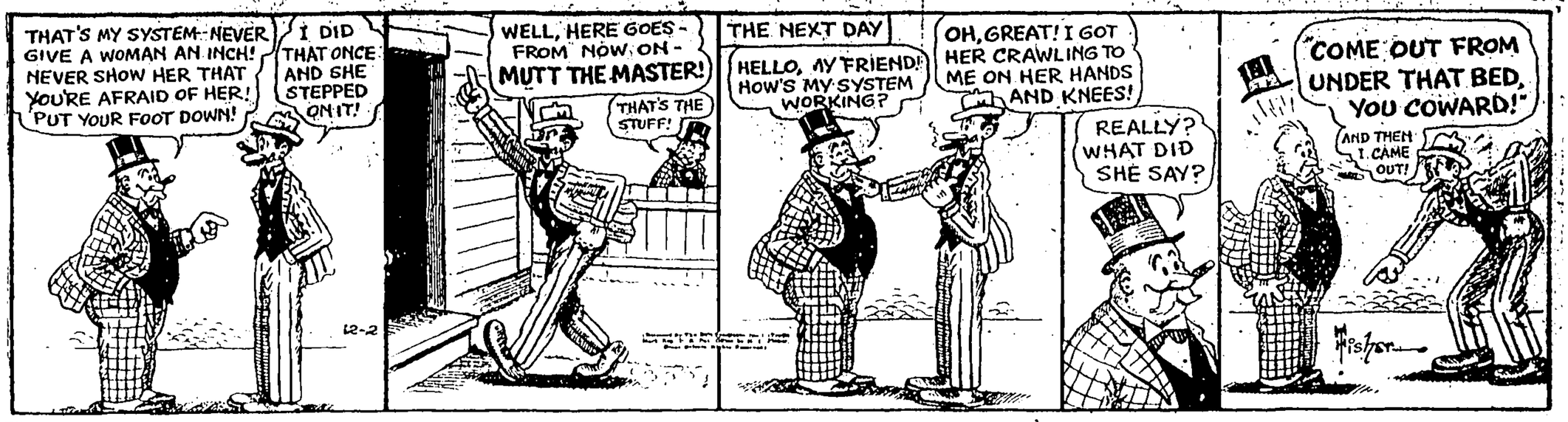
MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



MOTHER'S PARCEL AIDED HIS ESCAPE

FLYING-OFFICER Richard Freewen Martin—the twenty-two-year-old Cheltenham pilot the Nazis accused of breaking parole when he escaped from internment in Luxemburg on Christmas Eve — has been awarded the D.F.C.

He escaped wearing civilian clothes sent in parcels by his mother.

Last November Martin, then a pilot officer, landed his 'plane at Esch, Luxemburg, believing himself to be on French territory. When he realised his mistake he tried to take off again, but his wheels stuck in the mud. He was interned.

Martin warned the Luxemburg authorities that he intended to escape by asking for his parole to be withdrawn.

Good Night — Good Bye

An escort accompanied him everywhere, but after dinner one night in the fortress of St. Espirt, he turned to his guard, said politely: "Good evening and thank you," scaled the wall, and jumped fifteen feet to freedom.

Eleven other R.A.F. officers were awarded the D.F.C. for gallantry according to the London Gazette and eleven other ranks receive the D.F.M.

The number of their squadrons were given—the first time this has been done. No. 1 Squadron has three D.F.C.s and No. 150 Squadron has five D.F.M.s.

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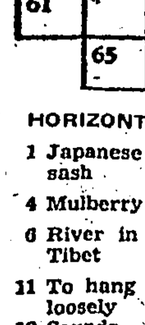

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BIGAMIST AND BABY HOAXER

Lizzie Ireland, who in March, 1939, at the age of sixty announced that she had given birth to a son — and foisted it upon the world as the heir to the fourth Lord Haldon—wound up the final day of her trial at Chester Assizes by pleading guilty to double bigamy.

Ireland and her nurse-secretary, Isabella Blackett, aged fifty, both of whom gave their address as Youkonon Road, Balham, London, were both found guilty of conspiring to make a false statement regarding a birth and of forgery under the Registry Act.

Ireland was sentenced to three year's penal servitude and Blackett to twelve months' imprisonment.

Mr. Justice Lawrence described the case as an attempt to perpetrate an audacious offence, and told the women they were liable to penal servitude for life.

Mr. Rowland Thomas, K. C., defending, said that one could only wonder whether the genesis of the whole case was not an uncontrollable vanity on the part of Mrs. Ireland when she knew she had become associated with someone with a title.

He disclosed that the child which has been the unseen but central figure in the case had arrived in Chester on the night after the two accused women had been found guilty.

Marriage 'Myth' Denial

The Judge said he accepted the fact that there was a child, and he was sure the jury accepted it.

The prosecution alleged that a child was represented by Ireland to be her son by the late Lord Haldon after she had adopted it for a brief period from its real mother. (Lord Haldon died in the autumn of 1938.)

When cross-examined Ireland denied that her marriage to Lord Haldon was a myth, or that the child was never born.

Later she admitted bigamously marrying Joseph Alan Rickards in April, 1935, and Frederick George Hugh Clive Lynwood in 1937.

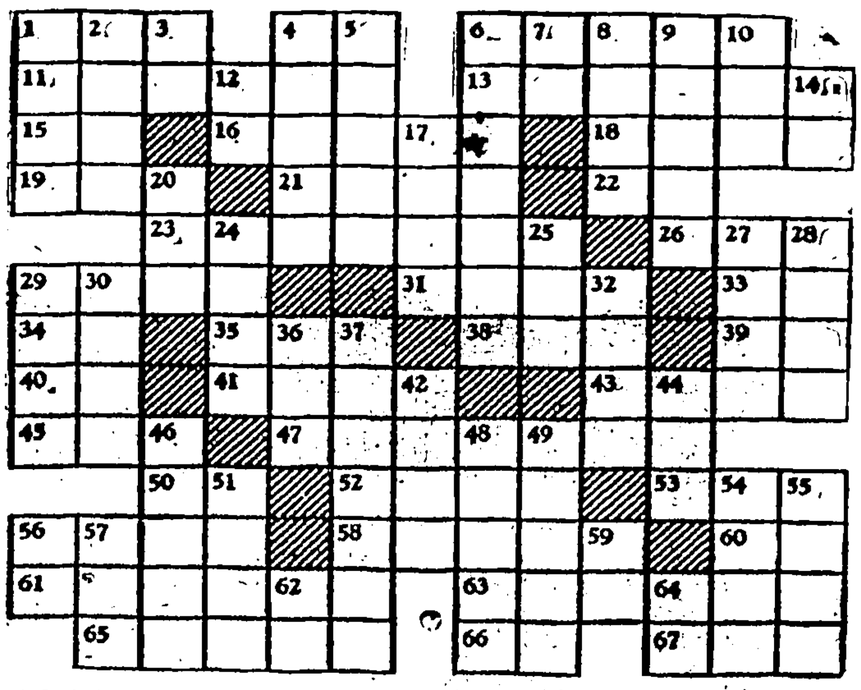
After the marriage to Rickards, Ireland went to live at Tunstall, and Rickards only visited her there once. The marriage was unhappy and ultimately Rickards sued for divorce and obtained a decree nisi.

The marriage to Lynwood was not consummated, and Lynwood instituted proceedings and was granted a decree of nullity.

Superintendent Platt of the Cheshire Police said he knew nothing about Ireland's alleged associations with Lord Haldon.

Mr. Rowland Thomas: Is it true that she had gained not a single penny by reason of what has been proved against her?—That is so.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

1 Japanese sash
4 Mulberry
6 River in Tibet
11 To hang loosely
13 Sounds
15 Siberian river
16 Moved with effort
18 City in Nevada
19 Cereal grass
21 Roof edge
22 Teutonic deity
23 One-eighth of a mile
26 Cutting tool
29 Vertical timber on a ship
31 Eskimo settlement
33 To leave
34 Preposition
35 High mountain
37 Resort
39 Conjunction
40 Fly
41 Cowl
43 Fit of anger
45 Peak
47 Member of a company of actors
50 Babylonian deity
52 To narrate
53 Vehicle
56 To lend
58 Compound ether
60 Pronoun
61 Dispossession
63 Attacked
65 Checks
66 Paid notice
67 Fish

VERTICAL

1 Scent
2 Infant
3 Nook
4 Tree of the oak family
5 Permitted by law
6 Embosses
7 Negative
8 Terrible
9 Employers
10 Japanese coin
12 Earth goddess
14 Thus
17 Cry of Bacchanals
20 Lizard
24 Western state
25 Opening
27 Excited
28 Had on
29 Ship
30 Preposition
32 Rabbit
36 Parcel of land
37 Doorkeepers
42 Acts
44 Part of a circle
46 Edible seeds
48 Extreme
49 To entreat
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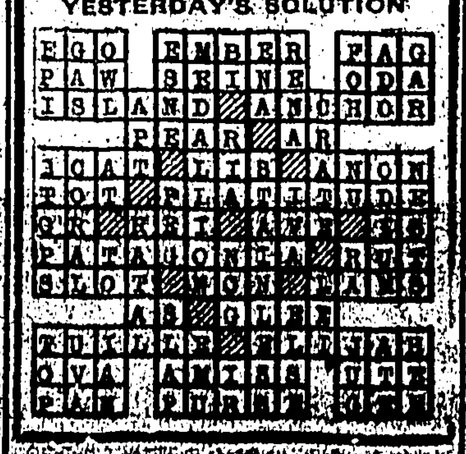

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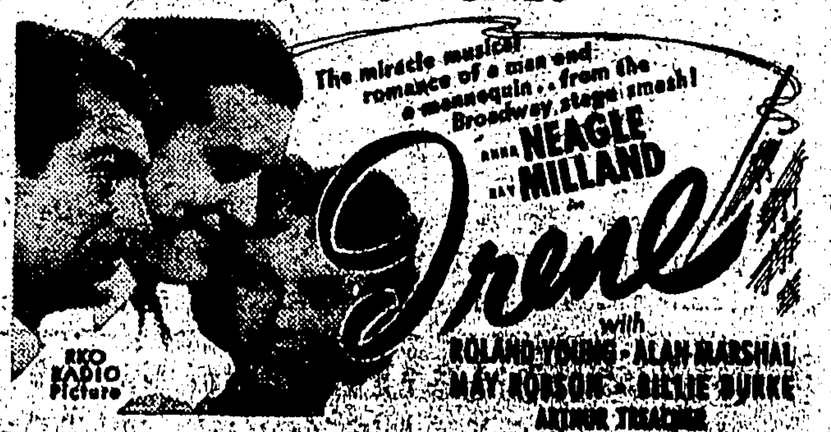

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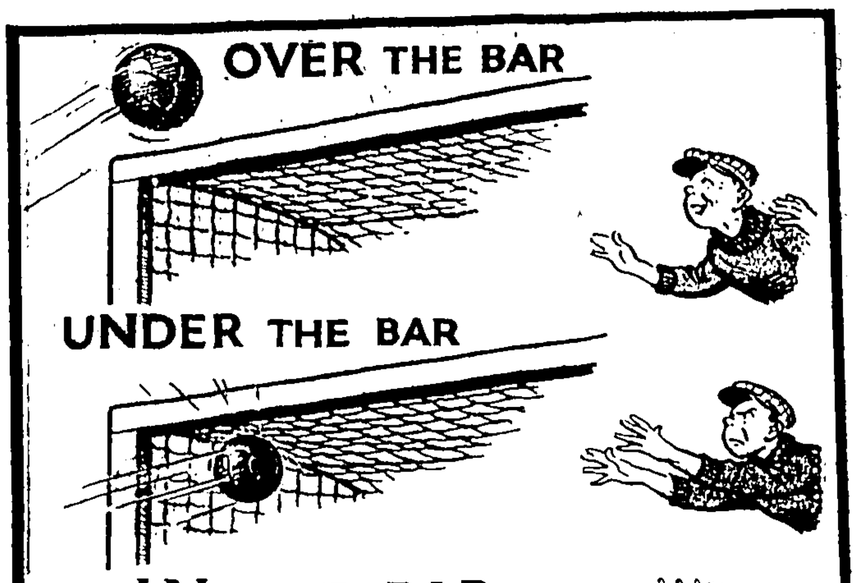

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VIVID STORY OF COVENTRY BLITZ

(By A Special Correspondent)

AS REFUGEES FROM THE FIRST BIG NIGHT BLITZ ON THE PROVINCES STREAMED FROM COVENTRY THE RAIDERS STRUCK AGAIN. ADVANCE ENEMY WARPLANES GIRCLED THE CITY, GUIDED BY FIRES STILL RAGING, AND THE GUNS BARKED AGAIN.

One thousand people had been killed or injured in a raid by 500 'planes on the city which began at dusk and ended at dawn. Coventry's beautiful fourteenth century cathedral was destroyed, and many buildings, including churches, a school, hotel, four public shelters and a police station were destroyed.

Pathetic streams of refugees, men, women and children were trekking to the safety of the countryside when darkness fell.

Every road out of the city, which had had a bomb rained on it at the rate of one a minute, was filled with the same tragic procession.

Thousands Stay

All day long this had gone on. By nightfall there were still thousands of people who had stayed behind to the last minute in the hope of salving more of their treasured belongings.

Mothers pushed perambulators filled with household goods, their babies lying on top.

Fathers carried elder children on their shoulders and bundles of clo hing under their arms.

In the darkness I walked seven miles from Coventry with the silent army of homeless.

Alongside me, at times holding my arms for support, walked Dick Webb. His head was swathed in bandages, his clothing tattered.

Dick had lived through hours of horror.

"Damned Nonsense"

When the blitz started he was returning home to his cottage in the fields, far from any military objective.

"It is damned nonsense to say that the Germans made any attempt at direct bombing," he said; "because as I was walking across the fields a bomb fell twenty yards behind.

"It threw me forward. As I got up to run, another one came down just in front of me.

Factories Work On

"In the 200 yards running across the fields five bombs were dropped near me. The last one gave me this," he said, pointing to his wounded head.

Climbing a stile, Dick saw his cottage home crumble to dust from a direct hit. In spite of his injuries he tore with his bare hands at the shattered brickwork and alone saved his wife and mother.

They were in hospital as he walked reluctantly away from Coventry with me.

In defiance to the raiders, the biggest factories in this great industrial area were working at full pressure last night.

"The workmen insisted upon going on with their jobs," a works manager told me.

Motorists were unable to drive into the centre of the city during the day.

They had to leave their cars outside the barriers and, in some cases, walk two miles.

Five policemen — three specials and two regulars—were patrolling one street when a bomb was heard falling.

All Killed

The three specials threw themselves down and the two regulars fell on top of them in an attempt to shield them.

The bomb fell almost directly on them and all were killed.

Holy Trinity in the middle of the famous three spires is only slightly damaged.

Outside it still stands a notice, "Everything depends on us and we depend on God."

RAINED BOMBS ON RESCUERS

Auxiliary firemen tearing away at burning debris, heroically attempting to free people trapped in an air raid shelter, were ruthlessly bombed by Hitler's airmen in the centre of London.

Two of them sacrificed their lives. A bomb struck a six-storey building which crumbled like dust and buried them alive with their fire-engine.

Seven of the men collapsed, two with concussion from a bomb which dropped a few feet from them. Others had shrapnel wounds.

Several hours after daybreak debris had been cleared from one entrance to the shelter. It was found that several people had died.

"It was deliberate massacre," a fire brigade sub-officer said.

"Not once, but a score of times I thought my end had come. What amazing pluck my men showed!

"The men took it on the chin. As they threw themselves on the ground they got a joke out of it with such shouts as: 'Here's one with your name on it, Bert.'"

His face nigger-black with grime and sweat, one of the men said: "What a night! We don't mind fire, but damn bombs as well. Those swine are inhuman."

In one London district where firemen fighting a big fire were bombed, two ambulances with four girl ambulance workers were buried under debris.

One of the ambulances was dug out later in the day. The occupants were dead. The driver of a rescue squad lorry was also killed.

INTERNEES GREET OLD SCHOOL TIE

Old Etonian and A.D.C. to Lord Forster when he was Governor-General of Australia, Captain Pitt-Rivers has sent a telegram of greetings from the camp where he is interned to Eton School on its 500th anniversary.

Signatories with him were his fellow pro-Fascist internees, Captain Ramsay, M.P., and Captain Gordon-Canning.

Mary Maguire's Husband

Captain Gorden-Canning was a member of the pro-Nazi body, "The Link," and is the husband of the Australian film actress Mary Maguire.

Captain Pitt-Rivers is a Dorset squire.

The telegram was in the customary Latin and, translated, read: —

'Etonians fighting for fatherland, for honour and for truth at —, remembering the playing fields of Eton, salute her. Floreat Etona."

Churchill's Joke

Although it is known that the telegram came from the internment camp, the name of the place of origin on the actual message was indecipherable.

Political circles recall the story attributed to Mr. Churchill.

When asked what the public schools had done in the war, he is said to have replied: "Well, there's myself, from Harrow; Mosley, from Winchester; and Ramsay, from Eton."

GERMAN LACK OF LUBRICANTS

Before leaving New York for California Viscount Bearsted, chairman of the Shell Transport Trading Company, who arrived from Europe by the Clipper, told reporters that it was the lack of lubricant oil which would prove the Achilles heel of Hitler's vast mechanised war machine.

"Planes, he pointed out, can be made to keep in the air with all kinds of fuels and substitutes, but tanks and other merchanised weapons could not be operated without lubricants. "The first sign," he said, "will be an increase in motor trouble, then breakdowns. I cannot say when this will happen. A vague guess would find that acute lubricant shortage in Germany might appear in the first half of next year."

CHAMPAGNE LOOT FOR GERMANY

THE GERMANS ARE plundering France of foodstuffs to such an extent that the country may soon face famine. Before the harvest was gathered in many fields of wheat were reserved for the Germans with swastika signs, and at least 800,000 tons of wheat were sent to Germany from occupied France.

Bread is now rationed in France at 87 ounces a week.

The meat situation is also low. The ration in France is 12½ ounces a week. In Germany it is 17½ ounces. In addition, a large amount of livestock has been transported into Germany.

Pigs have been requisitioned in large quantities — a million are believed to have been removed in a fortnight in September alone—and thousands of cattle also.

Wines Taken

The average consumption of butter and oil before the war was 17 kilos per head. Now it is about 5 to 6 kilos.

France was originally self-sufficient in sugar, having a large sugar-beet crop. This year about 80 per cent. of the crop was lost, due to the fighting in the north.

Wines have been requisitioned in a very large way by the Germans.

The whole grape harvest at Bordeaux has been taken over. The Germans are not paying for it, but are calling it a legitimate prize of war. One firm alone delivered 12,000,000 bottles of champagne to Germany.

German soldiers have been buying up produce with paper marks and sending the food home.

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NOTHING

The world would be a much happier place to live in if only the people who have nothing to say would not say it. This aphorism by a music-hall artist who is also a philosopher was recently quoted by a Member of Parliament. He said he did not as a rule, for this reason among others, seek to hold the attention of the House for more than a few minutes. It would be an excellent thing if every M.P. framed the wise saying and hung it up in a convenient place to be read afresh every morning. The purveyors of platform platitudes would also do well to consider the wisdom of refraining from saying nothing and so contribute to the sum total of human happiness. The example of substituting an essay by Bacon for the usual frothy utterance expected of a prize-day speaker can be followed with profit. But it need not always be Bacon. Anything from Montaigne or Maurois, from Spinoza or Shaw, could be made equally apt and much more stimulating than a dreary repetition of painfully revealed glimpses of the obvious.

Often more to be pitied than uninspired and uninspiring public speakers are those anonymous, erudite, omniscient and discerning individuals known in the newspaper world as leader-writers. They must say something every day of the year, not excepting Sundays. It does not matter whether nobody reads a word of what they write. There is the allotted space to be filled. And, even if there is nothing to be said, it has to be said with vigour or with an air of quiet conviction. A cynic has described leader-writing as the art of saying nothing in three paragraphs. The day's news may speak for itself, and need no interpretation of any kind. But it would horrify the average reader to find the editorial column a perfect blank, or filled with funny stories and groups of asterisks. In these circumstances, it would not surprise the patient reader to know that the temptation to fill this column to-day with a selection from the pages of the past was almost irresistible. The only reason why it was not done was that it would have anticipated our centenary number on Monday. So the less satisfactory course was adopted of saying nothing about nothing in particular.

New Staff Chiefs Of The Offensive School

By STRATEGICUS

In full harmony with his country's mood Mr. Churchill has recently made revolutionary changes in the top positions of Britain's three Service departments. Disregarding "seniority," the Prime Minister has promoted younger men—adepts of the offensive school in modern strategy—to supreme commands. This article by Strategicus, the well-known Military Commentator of the "Spectator," explains who these men are and what their appointments signify.

It was in the very crisis of the struggle for the French Channel ports that Mr. Churchill uttered one of those flaming *obiter dicta* which, illuminating a confused picture, contrive to bring out everything in its true perspective. "The armies must cast away" he said, "the idea of resisting attack behind concrete lines or natural obstacles and must realise that mastery can only be regained by furious unrelenting assault." The words then seemed to wear an air of novelty, though it was not yet known that a distinguished French general had informed a correspondent that he had abandoned his early and skilfully conducted advance against the West Wall because "we were too far away from the Maginot Line." A statement such as that would have seemed unintelligible to Marshal Foch, and everyone to-day must find it difficult to remember that the first quotation comes from a statesman and the second but not the first from a professional soldier.

The facts have taught us much. Before the war there had grown up a school of thinkers, who, in the endeavour to evade the inexorable law that wars are won by resolute fighting, had attempted to find a prescription for victory in numbers, material and organised defensives; but this has perished in the breath of reality and now it is realised that the dependence upon the defensive at length breeds incapacity even for defence. The defeat of France was due not so much to inferior numbers and lack of material as to the fatal obsession with the defensive system, with the Maginot Line, and this Frankenstein rose up in the end to overwhelm its creator.

But how far we have travelled from that mood can now be realised when it is seen that the fighting Services have been quietly given a new command of young aggressive men. With the appointment of Vice-Admiral J. C. Tovey, C.B., D.S.O., as Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet and Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, K.C.B., as Assistant to the First Sea Lord, Sir Dudley Pound, the Senior Service receives a new breath of life Fortunately it did not need to be infused with the offensive spirit: that indeed is its continuing characteristic. But each of these officers brings with him a fresh and vigorous bent for aggressive action. Both of them have been recently connected with the small ships of the Navy; and the spirit of attack is more inevitably associated with them than it is with the battleship, the ship of the line, which in the last resort assures their safety and is the foundation of sea power. It is, however, the small ships of the Navy that carry out the Navy's offensive, the blockade; that are for the most part the visible signs of its strength. Admiral Tovey, however, though he has only recently relinquished the command of the destroyer flotillas of the Mediterranean which have done so much to foster caution in the Italian Navy, has had experience of all types of ships: but since the smaller ships are the limbs with which the battleships reach out and secure their chance of battle it is much that an officer who has had such a command should now have charge of the Home Fleet.

Sir Henry Harwood is much better known to the general public. He brilliantly demonstrated the power of the small ship in the battle of the River Plate; but he brings to the conduct of naval affairs something much more valuable than is generally realised. The action he fought was so inspiring because he did not merely drift into it but because, in spite of his immense inferiority in armament, he deliberately courted the battle, foreseeing ten days ahead the probable action of the Graf Spee, concentrating his small force where it would appear and practising the tactics he thought most suitable before going into action. Ability to plan ahead, resolution, daring and discretion were all involved; and it is a great gain to have those qualities reinforced in the Admiralty.

But we have always had a tradition of offensive action in the Navy. It is in the air, which has witnessed the most striking developments, that we have been so pleasantly and proudly reassured. When the warfare of the allies appeared to have withered under the blight of the defensive obsession the Royal Air Force bombers showed that they could carry the offensive across the most highly defended frontiers and invade the enemy's territory. The fighters have been magnificent; but they —though tactically the attack is their only weapon—were strategically only fulfilling the task of defending hearth and home. The bombers have from the beginning been on the offensive, inflicting damaging blows upon the enemy, weakening his morale, destroying his war potential. Under Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal the bombers have never rested from their vigorous offensive against the dock-yards, munition factories, oil refineries and communications of the enemy. His promotion from the post of Chief of the Bomber Command to that of Commander-in-Chief, Royal Air Force, brings that spirit of scientifically controlled aggression to the supreme office of the Air Force. If this newest of the Services has saved England from invasion, who can can say how far it will go towards the defeat of the enemy? It is at least certain that in defence, in the preparation of the attack and the development of the offensive, the Air Force is an almost incalculably important factor. In the Great War, according to Major Grosskreutz, the comparatively minor bombing attacks of the time broke down "the moral resistance of the German nation." Now that the attack will develop increasingly it is certain to have an immense effect.

With the Navy supplying the basis of victory and the Bombing Force spreading increasing destruction the way will be open for the *coupe de grace*. This will be an offensive weapon. England was the inventor of the tank and of the first armoured division. Sir Alan Brooke, the new commander-in-chief of the Home Forces, is the brilliant officer who fought through the war in France and, a specialist in the use of mechanised force, saw both its power and its limits. Another of the younger school, his bold aggressive spirit will inspire the growing army that will one day take the offensive with decisive effect. The lesson of the war in Belgium and France has been well learned. The use of the tank with accompanying aeroplanes was first applied by the British army at Fricourt, in 1918; and the army command is no longer minded merely to present ideas to the Germans. The new army is being trained along the most modern scientific lines. From America alone 4,000 tanks have been ordered; Canada is manufacturing them and for some time various improved types have been mass produced in England.

The allies entered the Great War inspired with the conviction that they must take the offensive at all costs. This was taken so literally that on occasion it led to heavy loss, and as a reaction there grew up the school which places its reliance upon the defensive. But if an obsession with the offensive is risky, obsession with the defensive is fatal. It is recognised that only by the offensive can a decision be obtained; and no less than that is the objective of England. The British army, in any case, has always been an offensive instrument, like the tank i invented. The direction of the fighting Services is now in the hands of new, younger and aggressive men who by instinct and by training believe in the offensive. But it is in the scientific offensive they believe, in the improved armoured divisions, in bombing attacks prepared with scrupulous care and carried out with precision, in the new Navy with its immense accretion of small ships. At present only the bare outlines can be seen of the offensive instrument which will achieve victory; but they are taking shape and they form the foundation of our confidence.

Biographical Details

Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, aged 51, victor of the River Plate action against the "Graf Spee," Knighted in October, 1940, now assistant to the Chief of the Naval Staff. His signal at the time of the River Plate action "My object: Destruction" is characteristic for this man who is always in favour of taking the initiative and driving home the attack against his opponent.

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Vice Admiral J. C. Tovey, D.S.O., Commander in Chief Home Fleet aged 54, destroyer expert, will now hold the post corresponding to that of Jellicoe and Beatty in the last war.

Noteworthy that this officer has been promoted from the post of Commander Destroyer Flotillas in the Mediterranean to that of Commander in Chief Home Fleet at a very young age. This rapid promotion in disregard of "seniority" had a sensational affect on public oplinion in Great Britain which daily backs the Prime Minister's determination to promote young men of the offensive school to the most important posts in the Services.

He gained the D.S.O. after the battle of Jutland when, as the Commander of the Destroyer Onslow, he closed in to fire remaining torpedoes when his ship was badly crippled. Under him the H and I class destroyers of Narvik fame and the Cossack which sent a boarding party to rescue British prisoners on the Altmark had enjoyed operational training. He is known as submarine-chaser-Tovey.

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Lt. General Sir Alan Brooke, D.S.O., Commander - in - Chief Home Forces at the age of 56, born and early education in France.

Specialist in Artillery, heavy armour, mechanisation. Inventor of the barrage map which came into general use for the direction of barrage fire during the last war.

Instructor at the Staff College, Imperial Defence College, Commandant at the school of Artillery, Inspector of Artillery, Director of Military Training, Commander of the Mobile Division, Commander of the Anti-Aircraft Division, General Officer Commanding Southern Command. Commander of the Second Army Corps at the beginning of the present war. Now Chief Defender of the British Isles.

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Air Marshal Sir Charles F. A. Portal, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Appointed Acting Air Chief Marshal and chief of the Air Staff on October 25, 1940 at the age of 47.

A remarkable career.

Colonel at the age of 25 in the last war.

One of the greatest experts in England on flaconry, on which he wrote his first article at the age of 18.

Won a motor-bicycle race in 1914 and became a Despatch Rider in the Army at the outbreak of the last war.

While Corporal he was mentioned in the first despatches of Sir John French in September, 1914.

Climbed the ladder of military promotion with the speed of a Spitfire.

Corporal in 1914, Lieutenant in 1915, Colonel by 1917, Squadron Leader in the Royal Flying Corps at the end of the last war.

Won Laurence Minot *Bombing* Trophy (aiming personally) 1918 and again in 1926.

Royal Naval College 1926, Imperial Staff College, 1928.

Commander of British Air Forces at Aden, 1934. India 1935, Instructor at Imperial Defence College, 1936, Air Vice Marshal 1937, Member of the Air Council 1939, Chief of the Bomber Command 1939 and Knighted March, 1939.

Chief of the Air Staff, October, 1940.

Decorations: Distinguished Service Order with Bar, Military Cross.

Hitler Is Angry

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.
Britain's famous political Commentator

Diplomatic circles in London are much intrigued by the latest underground news from Germany. There is abundant and uncontrovertible evidence that Herr Hitler is angry, very angry indeed.

It would be wrong to assume that he is depressed or discouraged. On the contrary his victories have exalted his spirit and convinced him that Germany's dominant place and his own are on the point of being established.

Nevertheless he is given to constant fits of rage which are greatly disturbing his entourage. The sources of his exasperation are many but the basic cause is clear.

Hitler knows that in Britain he is being laughed at. Formerly he used to be content to accept the translations of what appeared in the British Press but when the war began he determined to learn enough English to read the captions and the headlines at least.

The cartoons wound him most deeply. To him they are a form of blasphemy for like all dictators he dreads the shafts of ridicule. Next to the cartoons he most fiercely resents Mr. Churchill's references to himself as "That wicked man." "That evil man!" and "That cruel man."

A more elaborate denunciation would not worry him but the stark simplicity of Mr. Churchill's language penetrates his self-esteem and cuts him to the quick.

Another contributory factor to his distemper is the applause of the French cinema audiences whenever the news-reels show pictures of destruction wrought in Berlin by the Royal Air Force. The intention of the Nazis was to contrast the barbarity of the British as compared with the consideration of the Germans who did not bomb Paris.

Even when Nazi officials glare at the French audiences to identify the villains who dare to applaud the French get around it by sitting motionless and stamping with their feet.

Finally, the Charlie Chaplin film "The Dictator" is worrying the Fuehrer. He and the great little comedian were born in the same year a few days apart and it has never been safe in Nazi Germany to remark on the extraordinary similarity of their two moustaches.

British commentators say sardonically that Hitler should not be apprehensive of the Chaplin film since it is impossible to burlesque burlesque.

Finally Hitler's ill favour has fallen momentarily upon his devoted friend Hermann Goering. It was Goering who said that the mass attacks of the Luftwaffe in the daytime would break down the fighter resistance of the R.A.F. and pave the way to invasion. In addition to that the night bomber attacks would force the British to abandon London. As for bombs on Germany Goering was unfortunate enough to say that he would regard the intrusion of a single British aeroplane in German skies as a personal insult.

Things have not quite worked out according to plan. The British fighters inflicted such losses upon the Luftwaffe in their mass daylight attacks that Goering had to call them off. London, instead of being abandoned, carries on as usual despite heavy destruction of private houses, churches and hospitals. As for the single bomber over Germany there are squadrons every night.

Herr Hitler shakes his fists at the skies. As Emperor in all but name, world dictator in all but the fact he is very, very angry indeed. The Corps Diplomatique in London is always correct in its behaviour but behind the scenes everyone is telling the latest story of Hitler's outbursts.

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WATER-STAINED PLAQUE AT COVENTRY CATH.

(From A Special Correspondent)

A CHARRED, water-stained plaque is fixed to the shell which the Hun has made of Coventry Cathedral.

It hangs there to celebrate a triumph—the glorious victory by Lord Wellington over the French at Salamanca, for which, on August 17, 1812, a peal of 5,000 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rang out from the old belfry.

Another peal sounded in Coventry recently. The strident clang of a fire engine racing through ruined streets.

And as it sounded, its note broke in on a little group of people celebrating another triumph, the triumph of a great faith.

There were seven of them, four women and three men, sitting in the sorely damaged Church of the Holy Trinity, the second of the spired churches in this City of Three Spires.

A hundred yards away was the devastation of the Cathedral — only where the previous Sunday four walls, a tower and a spire was fourteenth-century glory.

On the other side of Holy Trinity was heaped rubble, which had so recently been fine buildings. Through the roof of the church we could see the sky.

Feet crunched on shattered stained glass as the seven worshippers passed to their pews, and the dismal trickling of water made a background to the cleric's words.

It was cold in the church, for the windows are gaping and there is no heating. It was dark, for there is no electricity or gas, and two candles alone helped the light of the dull day.

But here faith was unshattered, here were warmth and light for the tiny congregation as above the sound of the splashing water, above the sound of the fire engine bell they heard the words, "O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy Peace."

Peace is something that Coventry cannot hope to know yet, except in its heart. It has been torn by too savage a wound for the scars to vanish soon.

Yet, the heart is sound, the heart of the place which is the central city of England.

So many have left the city—want of homes, not fear, has driven them away—and left behind is the core.

And this core the maggot of Nazidom will attack in vain. Its quietly resolute citizens who remain are England.

Trudging through the battered streets this morning was a man who personifies the spirit of the ancient city he loves.

His soiled clothes are all that he has left. His home has gone, his business has gone, but his eyes were the eyes of a contented man.

John Shelton is an antiquary whose Benedictine museum has been visited by thousands. In it he had collected ancient relics which tell the story of the city through the centuries.

With so much lost John Shelton can yet be happy.

"My treasures are safe," he told me with a serene smile. "My pictures are hidden safely away. Other relics have also been removed and though most of my books have been destroyed I was able to dump some in dolly-tubs and rescue them.

"The loss of every-day things is trifling to me when I remember what I have preserved. They could never have been replaced. Clothes, home, business — all that can be restored. I shall be on my feet again soon, and so will Coventry.

"A place which has seen so much cannot be beaten in a night."

The spirit of John Shelton is the spirit which will rebuild Coventry. It is already evident on all the roads leading to the city.

Silent, Sad People

Five miles out on all the roads policemen are stationed to keep away idle visitors and two classes of traffic alone are travelling within its bounds.

One goes from the damaged town — a procession, becoming small now, of carts and vans bringing away the relics of wrecked homes, boundles of clothes, carpeting and old chairs on which sit silent, sad people.

The procession which goes the other way is made up of lorries carrying food and comforts and vehicles taking gangs of men and materials.

On all roads relief is pouring into the centre of England — squads who will clear up the mess, shore up the damaged buildings, straighten out twisted places and help to build the new Coventry.

They will build on foundations the like of which Germany can never know.

OFFICER FINED £1,575

Squadron-Leader Thomas K. Burton, R.A.F., was at Bow Street fined in all £1,575 and 25 guineas costs for failing to offer for sale to the Treasury American dollars to the value of £1,200.

On behalf of Squadron-Leader Burton it was stated that he was working fourteen hours a day, and his mind was so full of important matters that he did not make the return. The Treasury had not lost a farthing through the transactions.

NEW 'PLANE HOVERS IN AIR

A new type of observation monoplane, demonstrated by United States Army officials is able to get into the air from a 300-foot circular runway, and can be set down within its own length.

It can fly at very slow speeds and almost come to a halt in the air, says Reuter.

PREPARE TO ATTACK —GOUGH

"I hope I shall live to see and hear the tramp of Allied soldiers through the streets of Berlin and of Rome," says General Sir Hubert Gough. "I, in company with thousands, nay, millions, have no other reason for living."

Sir Hubert, who commanded Britain's Fifth Army in the last war, writing in the "English-Speaking World," says:—

"The equipment and training of an Army of several million men must be energetically pushed ahead. This Army must not be organised for defence of these shores only.

"The young and Regular Army must be ready to undertake offensive warfare, to carry invasion into the enemy's country, as soon as and wherever the political situation provides an opportunity."

If Hitler Gambles —

Sir Hubert believes the invasion of England — if Hitler decides to make the gamble — will start with a tremendous bombardment by 2,000 or more German and Italian 'planes.

In the general confusion, parachutists and troop-carrying 'planes might be dropped, carrying many thousands of well-armed troops behind our lines — for instance, north of London — and crossing of the Channel attempted.

"It is a great plan, which might succeed if we were weak or unprepared at home. But we are not."

That gamble — if it were made —would fail.

TROOPS SING JAZZ IN ANCIENT CHURCH

A church 1,200 years old is now a soldier's club — but not everyone in Worcester knows that yet.

Thus people are — well — surprised when they hear the sound of jazz songs coming from St. Helen's.

When the church was closed because it had become redundant, the rector, the Rev. W. R. Buchanan-Dunlop, got permission to convert it into a club.

Replying to his critics, the rector told a reporter, "In St. Helen's Church soldiers sing 'Roll Out the Barrel.' I do not like it much as a song, but is it any worse than some of our hymns?"

LUNCH SLANDER

In the King's Bench Division in a resumed slander suit, Mr. Justice Hilbery awarded Mr. Charles Frederick Donmall, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, £25 damages, with costs, against Mr. Ben Bennison, sporting journalist. He said that at a luncheon given by the Marquess of Queensberry Mr. Bennison took the opportunity of attacking Mr. Donmall.

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TWO GIRLS KILLED BY SAME METHOD

A GIRL OF SEVENTEEN, found strangled in a yard in the centre of Bolton, Lancs., at mid-night, is the second girl within a fortnight to have been murdered in this way, and in each case a soldier of about twenty-five and of medium build, is wanted by the police.

The Bolton girl was Minnie (Peggy) Stott, a grocery shop manageress, of Clarence Street, Bolton: the other girl was Mary Hogan, fifteen, of Waterloo, Liverpool, who was found strangled at the entrance to a blockhouse near her home.

Both girls were killed on a Saturday night.

Mary Hogan had left home to buy a newspaper. After an absence of five hours she was found, just before midnight.

Minnie Stott had told her mother that she was going to a cinema. Four hours later also at midnight, she was found strangled in a yard off Bradshawgate, a main street in Bolton.

Mary Hogan's throat was bruised and her head bore the marks of heavy blows. Her clothes were muddy and disarranged.

Bought Her A Drink

Minnie Stott was found by a policeman as she lay face downward on the ground. Her clothes were disarranged and she had apparently been outraged.

A post-mortem showed that the girl had been killed probably by the use of a cord or thin scarf. It is believed that she was murdered at about 10 o'clock.

Her death took place at the time when people were leaving a cinema near the yard.

The man whom the police are anxious to find joined Miss Stott and a girl friend in a fish and chip bar beside the local palais de danse at 9.30 p.m.

The man said he was a soldier on leave and that he was due to report back to his unit by next day. He invited the girls to have a drink with him and they had a glass of sherry at the local public-house, after which he returned with them to the palais de danse.

The man who is wanted in connection with the murder of Mary Hogan told a woman, whom he saw just before midnight that he came from either Bury or Burnley, and mentioned the name of a regiment. He added that he had been confined to barracks for some time for having been absent.

STORM HURLS UP INVASION JUNK

A LARGE QUANTITY OF WRECKAGE WASHED ASHORE AT SEVERAL POINTS OF THE S. E. COAST IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BELONGED TO THE NAZIS' INVASION EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS SHATTERED BY R. A. F. ATTACKS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CHANNEL.

The wreckage was found after a fierce storm had swept the streets of Dover.

Among it is a large wooden raft or pontoon. Underneath are two air cylinders, and the construction would be capable of holding a good number of persons.

A small raft made of rubber and of unusual design was also washed up. Other large pieces of timber probably belonged to rafts and boats which were broken up during R. A. F. bombing raids.

The wreckage is being closely examined by the authorities.

CONVICT'S 10/- FOR 'PLANE

Ten shillings from a convict at Parkhurst prison, is among gifts towards 'planes acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production.

IT WAS GOERING'S FASTEST

(By A Correspondent)

I saw the world's fastest aeroplane recently. It was one of Goering's yellow-nosed Messerschmidt 109s, but I doubt if he would be at all proud of it could he see it now.

When I first saw it was running away from a Spitfire across open country in S.E. England at about 15,000 feet.

The Spitfire drew still closer, its Brownings stuttered. A man leaped from the Messerschmidt, and as he fell his parachute opened and gleamed like a giant mushroom in the sun.

'Plane Leaped At Us

And then it happened.

A man-made meteor tore through the air earthwards, straight at me and photographer Walter Effner, standing on a hedgebank.

All we saw was a circle in the centre of a straight line, a nose-on view of a Messerschmidt, charging at us under the power of its 1,050 h.p. engines full out, plus the force of gravity.

There flashed through my mind the familiar cinema picture of an express train that seemed to leap straight off the screen at the audience.

There was a whu-u-umph, a blinding sheet of flame and we ducked instinctively as earth and stones and chunks of Messerschmidt whizzed about us.

"Only A Firework"

A baby in a baker's van across the road screamed. A woman got out of the van and told the child not to be afraid. "It's only a big firework," she told it.

The soft earth, as the 'plane's nose bored into it, absorbed the blast of the exploding petrol tanks, and saved the woman and child.

High in the sky the Messerschmidt pilot still dangled from his parachute slowly falling. As he sailed down to earth he must have seen the end of his 'plane.

STAYING THE 'COURSE'

Sir Francis Joseph, president of British Gas Industries, in a letter to Mr. Walter C. Beckjord, president of the American Gas Association, sums up Britain's position thus:

"We are all right for food; the nation is splendidly fed. We are all right for courage; it has never been greater. Best of all, we are all right for staying the course, because we are certain we can last longer than our enemy."

PARSONS ADVISED NOT TO WEAR WHITE

Archdeacon E. Gowing, of Southend, has advised the clergy of his diocese to remove their white surplices when conducting funerals. He believes they provide a target for enemy aircraft.

PEERESS DIES IN RAID

It was learned that Evelyn, Viscountess Charlemont, had been killed in a recent air raid. She was formerly the wife of Viscount Charlemont, ex-Minister of Education in Northern Ireland.

The Viscount was granted a decree nisi against his wife in the Northern Ireland High Court in January on the ground of her adultery with Frederick Ryan, formerly in Lord Charlemont's employ as a chauffeur.

Lord and Lady Charlemont were married at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, in November, 1914. She was Miss Evelyn Hull, daughter of Mr. E. C. P. Hull, of Earlswood Mount, Surrey.

STOLE 15 BICYCLES

Lilian Faith Longland, 23, was sentenced at West London to six months' imprisonment on two charges of stealing bicycles, the sentences to run consecutively. She pleaded guilty to stealing 15 bicycles.

The magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, inquired: "Does she steal bicycles because it's easy or is it because they have some fatal fascination for her?" Det.-Sgt. Young replied that it was because it was an easy way to get money.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY NO. 26
By The Four Aces

Try to spot the crime and criminal in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
Duplicate Bridge

	♠ 10 ♡ Q J 7 ◇ K Q 9 8 4 ♣ A K 6 5	
♠ K Q 9 4 3 ♡ 4 ◇ J 10 5 2 ♣ Q 10 9	N W E S	♠ J 8 6 2 ♡ A 10 6 3 ◇ A 7 ♣ J 8 7
	♠ A 7 5 ♡ K 9 8 5 2 ◇ 6 3 ♣ 4 3 2	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1◇	Pass
1♡	1♠	2♡	2♠
3♡	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of spades, South winning with the Ace. Declarer led a low diamond, dummy played the Queen, and East won with the diamond Ace. East then returned a club, dummy winning with the King. The King of diamonds was cashed, and South ruffed a low diamond. Since East had discarded a club, South ruffed a spade in dummy and cashed the club Ace, next ruffing another diamond. He then ruffed his last spade with dummy's heart Jack and returned a club. East ruffed, cashed the heart Ace, and led a low heart; but South, with a perfect count on East's hand, finessed the nine of hearts and won his tenth trick with the heart King.

We'll let our sleuths in on a secret: the defence slipped somewhere, for South should have been defeated at his rather ambitious contract. But who made the mistake — and what was it? Decide for yourself before going on.

East was the criminal, and his crime occurred at his very first chance to lead! When he got in with the Ace of diamonds, he should have seen the cross-ruff staring him in the face, for dummy was short in spades, and the long diamond suit indicated that South might be short of that suit. To stop the cross-ruff, East should have led the Ace of hearts and a low heart next; and South would have been able to make only nine tricks.

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Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 8 4
♡ A J 9 5
◇ Q 9
♣ Q 6

The bidding:

You	Maier	Schenken	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have everything your partner has a right to expect in the major suits, together with considerable help in the minors. There should be a fine play for game.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 50% for three spades, 40% for pass.

Question No. 615

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 9 5
♡ A K J 7 6
◇ Q 6
♣ 8

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Dieting Dot says she's almost made up her mind to forget about her weight and hang on to her good disposition.

RADIOED AS HE CRASHED

Realising that he had to land his crippled plane in enemy territory, Lieutenant Gordon Robert Humphries flashed a radio message to his parent ship saying:

"Tell my wife not to worry. Everything will be all right."

This message meant a lot to his wife, for she was expecting her first baby.

Lieutenant Humphries is probably the first Fleet Air Arm officer to be taken prisoner by the Italians.

His machine was badly crippled by gunfire when over Sardinia, but he saved the lives of his crew of two by making a fairly good landing under extreme difficulties.

His wife, a Portsmouth solicitor's daughter told the press:—

..."We were married at St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, at Easter last year, but we have only spent five weeks together during the past eighteen months.

"The last time I saw my husband was on National Intercession Sunday last May, when we were in Scotland.

"I received from the Admiralty the wireless message which he flashed to his ship on his birthday anniversary, but I had heard nothing from him till I got this 'Don't worry' message.

"I hope I will be able to get a message to him when our baby is due."

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SAFETY CANVASS

"Visitors" who will call at homes and make a personal appeal to parents to evacuate their children from London are the latest moves by the Ministry of Health.

They will include school teachers, attendance officers, welfare workers and voluntary workers, and they will chat to mothers and fathers in the London county area, East Ham and West Ham, giving them reasons why it is their duty to get their children away.

This plan was explained by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health.

"Parents will listen to people they know and trust," he said, "and we hope in this way to increase the evacuation of school-children."

The Minister quoted the latest figures of evacuation.

"To date," he said, "322,000 schoolchildren have gone to the reception areas from the London County area, leaving 125,000 behind. From the London region 563,000 have been evacuated, but there are still 279,000 left.

"It is important to get as many of these away as possible.

"We want to make them safe from the possibility of death or wounding by bombs. Another point is that in the shelters their health is exposed to danger. It would be much better for them in the country.

"It is the duty of parents to send them away."

Among the reasons advanced by parents for not wanting to evacuate their children is that they cannot afford boots and clothing for them.

"This," Mr. MacDonald explained, "is easily remedied. They have only to tell the authorities and the children will be provided with these necessities."

"The old reception centres in England and Wales have been extended."

Of householders who have taken in evacuees, Mr. MacDonald said:—

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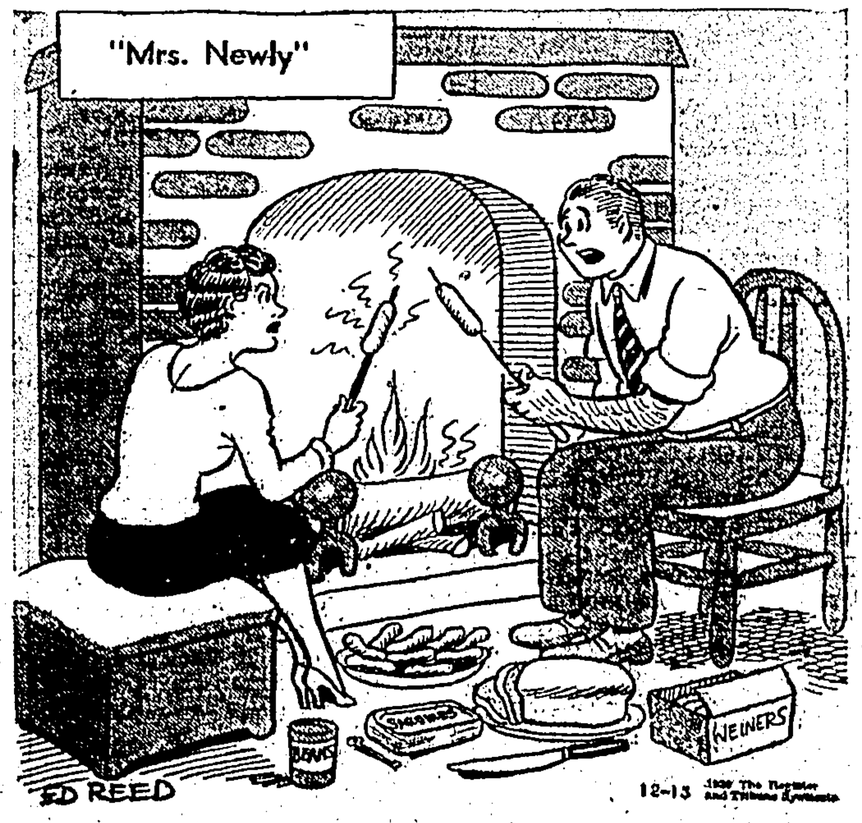

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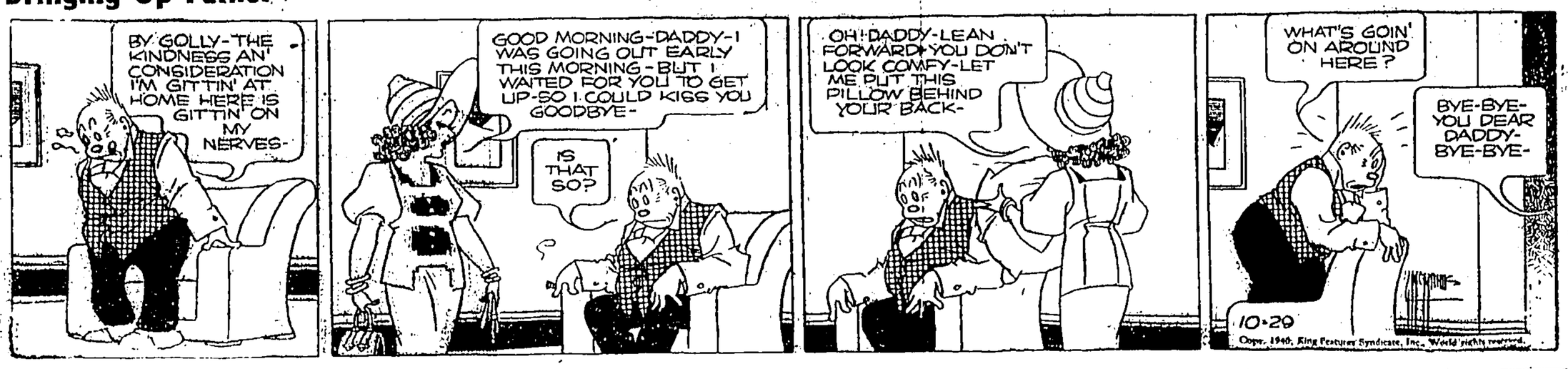

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

How To Cook Rabbit

"It tastes just like chicken." That's what the family says when rabbit is served.

A nice fresh young rabbit repays for good cooking. You can boil it, stew it, make it into a pudding or pie, dish it up as a savoury, and not a bit need be wasted if the remains are made into a nourishing soup.

Roast Rabbit

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 4 tablespoonfuls breadcrumbs, 2 tablespoonfuls shredded suet, 2 tablespoonfuls chopped ham, ½ teaspoonful chopped parsley, grated rind of half a lemon, salt and pepper, 1 egg.

Wipe the rabbit and season inside with a little pepper, salt, and powdered clove. Prepare the force-meat with the remaining ingredients and put inside the rabbit.

Skewer the head back and the legs on each side, cover the rabbit well with dripping then with a piece of greased paper.

Bake for an hour in a hot oven, basting frequently. Serve with baked potatoes and a green vegetable.

Rabbit And Pork

Partnered with pickled pork rabbit meets with great approval.

Ingredients: 1 young rabbit, 1 lb. pickled pork, 1 pt. white stock, 1 pt. milk, 2 ozs. butter or margarine, 4 ozs. flour, 1 sliced onion, 2 strips of shredded celery, 1 blade mace, 8 white peppercorns, salt and pepper.

For the garnish: 2 tablespoonfuls each of shredded cooked carrot, onion and turnip.

Wash and joint the rabbit, dice the pickled pork and place in a stewpan with the stock and milk.

Bring to the boil, add the onion, celery, mace, peppercorns, and seasoning, and simmer for about two hours, until meat is tender.

Knead the butter or margarine and flour together, and add, in small pieces, half an hour before the rabbit is cooked.

Serve on a hot dish, strain the sauce over the meat, and garnish with separately cooked vegetables.

JUGGED RABBIT, tasty and tender, makes a popular change.

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 1 pint good stock, 1 dessertspoonful lemon juice, 3 ozs. margarine, 1 oz. flour, 1 medium-sized onion, 6 peppercorns, 2 cloves, forcemeat as for roast rabbit, red-currant jelly.

Wash, dry and joint the rabbit. Fry in two ounces hot butter or margarine until well browned, then put into a stew-jar with a little salt, the onion stuck with cloves, the lemon juice, peppercorns and hot stock.

Cover the jar closely and cook in a moderate oven for 3-4 hours, or stand the jar in a saucepanful of boiling water on the stove.

Half an hour before serving knead the remaining 1 oz. of margarine and the flour together, stir into the stock, adding seasoning if necessary.

Make the forcemeat with the remainder of the ingredients, shape into small balls, fry in hot fat, and drain well.

Pile the rabbit pieces on a hot dish, strain over the gravy, arrange the forcemeat balls round the base, and serve the jelly separately.

Rabbit Pie

Make this delicious pie and see what a favourite it will be with the whole household.

Ingredients: 1 large rabbit or two small ones, ½ lb. ham or bacon or pickled pork, salt and pepper, 1 teaspoonful chopped parsley, little grated lemon rind, ½ lb. rough puff pastry.

Cut the rabbit into joints and slice the ham, place in a casserole with the parsley, lemon rind, and ½ pt. water. Cook in a slow oven for an hour.

When cold, arrange the meat in a pie dish, add two tablespoonfuls of the gravy, cover with rough puff pastry and bake for 45 minutes. Heat up the remainder of the gravy and pour into the pie.

Rabbit Pudding

And a pudding nourishes and satisfies the children.

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, ½ lb. diced pork, flour, salt and pepper, suet crust.

Wash and dry the rabbit, cut it into neat joints, and put head, neck and kidneys away for gravy.

Mix together 1 tablespoonful flour, 1 level teaspoonful salt, and season with pepper. Coat the rabbit and pork with the mixture, and pack closely in a basin lined with suet crust.

Almost fill the basin with water, moisten the edge of the crust, and place on the suet top. Cover with three folds of greased paper and steam for three hours.

Turn out on a hot dish, and serve with gravy made from the head, etc.

With Mushrooms

Rabbit flavoured with mushrooms and simmered till tender tastes excellent.

You will need 1 rabbit, 3 or 4 mushrooms, 2 onions, a sprig of parsley, seasoning.

Cut the rabbit in six pieces, put in a saucepan with a piece of butter or margarine, add a little flour, the mushrooms cut into quarters, the chopped onions, and chopped parsley.

In a minute or two add pepper, salt and sufficient stock to cover the rabbit, stir, put on the lid and simmer slowly till tender.

Serve with the mushrooms round the rabbit and a nice thick gravy.

In A Casserole

Cooked in a casserole with mushrooms makes another welcome change.

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 2 ozs. bacon, ½ lb. mushrooms, 2 teaspoons chopped parsley, 1 small onion, ¾ pt. brown sauce, seasoning, cayenne.

Prepare the rabbit and divide it into small points. Melt some butter or margarine in a frying pan and fry the joints quickly.

Remove the joints when cooked, and put the finely chopped bacon into the same pan.

Prepare the mushrooms, by chopping them, after washing and picking carefully. Reserve a few for garnish.

Add the chopped mushrooms and onions to the bacon, and fry quickly for a few minutes. Add parsley and seasoning. Put the joints of rabbit into a casserole, with the mushroom mixture sprinkled between the layers.

Pour the brown sauce over and cook in a moderately hot oven until the rabbit is tender.

Season the remainder of the mushrooms and put a pat of margarine on each. Cook them under the grill and garnish the rabbit with them before serving.

Brown Rabbit Stew

If you favour a nice brown rabbit stew, here's a nice one:

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 1 oz. flour, 1 onion, 3 ozs. fat bacon, salt and pepper, 1½ pts. water, sprig of parsley, 2 cloves (tied in a piece of muslin).

Joint the rabbit neatly. Cut the bacon into squares and fry for a few minutes, then place in a casserole.

Fry the rabbit quickly in the bacon fat, then transfer it to the casserole. Fry the onion a light brown and place in the casserole. Add the flour to the remaining fat and fry till brown. Then stir in some of the water. Mix till smooth. Add the rest of the water, stir and bring to the boil.

Pour this liquid over the rabbit and the onion. Add salt, pepper, parsley and herbs.

Cook in a very slow oven for four hours. Remove the bag of herbs and serve in the casserole.

To Wash Artificial Silk

Because artificial silk or rayon was launched prematurely many women formed an unfavourable opinion of it. Some still have misgivings regarding it. But rayon has outgrown the need for special care. For the most part, it is now a "safe" fabric. In fact, it usually is less sensitive than silk, for it is not yellowed by strong soap, water softeners, hot water, sunshine, or age. The fibres are not prone to hold dirt; therefore they wash clean, quickly.

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If your rayon is guaranteed not to shrink—a three-to-five minute run in your household washer, mild soap and warm or lukewarm water, comprise the best washing "recipe." Wash your rayons in plenty of water; for when rayon is wet it is less strain-resistant. Put the rayons through at least two rinses of the same temperature. Press out as much water by hand as you can between rinses, for most rayon crushes fairly readily. Handle it gently as you ease each article into shape. Dry indoors, away from extreme heat. Iron with the lowest heat provided by your ironer.

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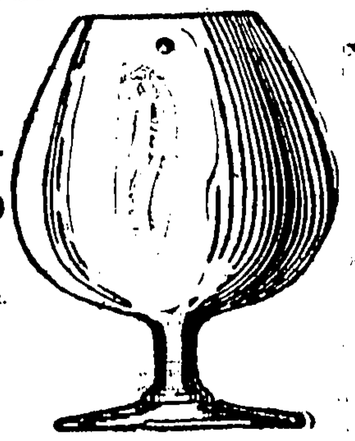
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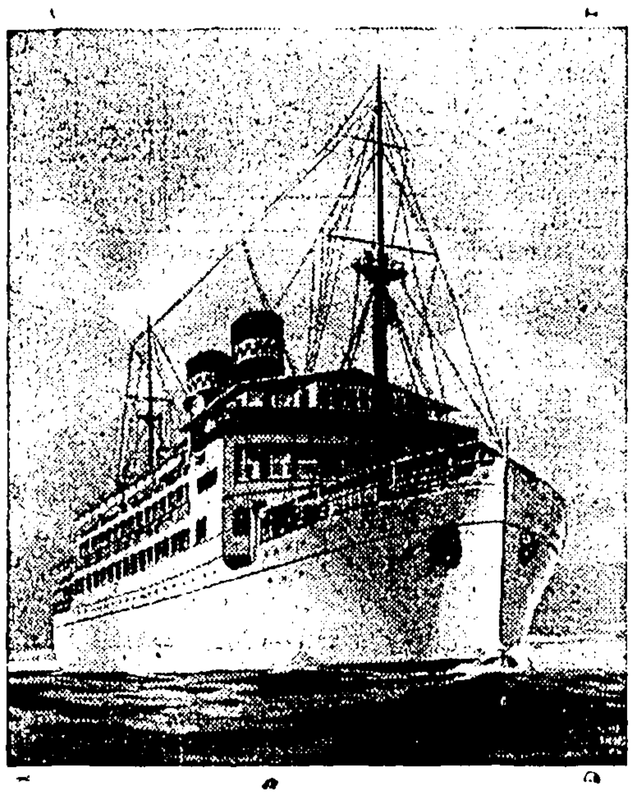

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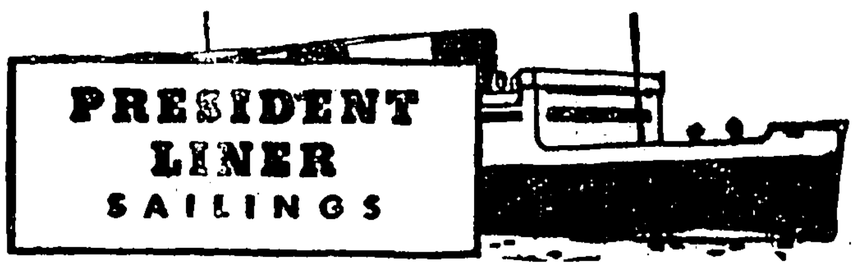

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BRITISH SEIZURE OF FRENCH SHIP

"NO GROUND EXISTS for a protest from Uruguay over the interception of the French steamer "Mendoza," declared a Ministry of Economic Warfare spokesman in London yesterday.

The Mendoza was intercepted outside the international three-mile limit by a British auxiliary cruiser but the ship is reported to have drifted across the line and returned to Montevideo.

It was disclosed that the Mendoza is one of five French ships which have bene loading in River Plate ports, the other ships being the Katiola, Formose, Campula and Aurigny.

No naviterts have been applied for and it is learned there is no question of the British blockade being lifted in their favour should they decide to sail.

It was emphasised that all ships bound for Europe which are not provided with navicerts are liable to interception and detention.

The British authorities have no information as regards the Mendoza's cargo but it is believed this comprises mainly meat and wool. —Reuter.

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FALSE ORDER TO EVACUEE

A memorandum purporting to have been sent by the L.C.C. Education Committee to Mrs. Owers, a schoolmistress in charge of 30 children who had been evacuated to Suffolk, telling her to arrange for their return to London, was alleged at Marlborough Street Police-court to have been sent by a man who wanted his adopted daughter, a teacher, back home.

No harm was done by the forgery, it was stated, but lest other such communications had been sent out at the same time, possibly by Fifth Columnists, 2,000 telegrams were despatched by the L.C.C. at a cost of £300.

George Feazey, a railway clerk and L.C.C. shorthand teacher, of Horace Road, Barkingside, Essex, who was accused of sending the note, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for an offence under the Defence Regulations. Notice of appeal was given.

Mr. H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting, said that Miss Hilda E. Heard, Feazey's adopted daughter, was with Mrs. Owers and it was suggested that he wanted her back as he had a sick wife.

Feazey, giving evidence, denied that he had typed the memorandum, and said he knew nothing about it until the police came to see him.

Mr. Morgan: You are in love with Miss Heard?—Not exactly.

Is she in love with you?—I think so.

Mr. Du Cann, defending, suggested that Feazey had not set himself out to sabotage the arrangements made for the evacuation of the children, but that he had his eyes blinded by affection for this girl and thought only of getting her back.

The magistrate, Mr. L. R. Dunne, said that there was no doubt that the adopted daughter was fulfilling another role; she had been, or was desirous of becoming, Feazey's mistress.

GIRL KEPT IN CHAINS

For six days Hilda Bloch, a mentally defective girl of twenty-four, was kept chained like an animal by her father and brother-in-law.

The two men, Harris Bloch and Shain Samuel Lopian, a rabbi, of Berwick Road, Gateshead, were each fined £20 and four guineas costs at Gateshead for assaulting her.

Mr. D. G. Dodds prosecuting told the Court that Bloch, a man of considerable property, had said that to have the girl in a hospital would interfere with her matrimonial prospects. The girl had been in a mental hospital and had benefitted, but in spite of that the two men had kept her in a bedroom chained up with only minor attention.

Staples were placed in the bed-room floor, and the girl was pad-locked to the chain, which was about a yard long and her hands were chained.

Escaped

The girl had been of unsound mind for some years and had suffered on occasions from spasms of considerable violence. The men perhaps from complete ignorance, had prevented the girl from receiving proper hospital treatment and had preferred to keep her at home chained like an animal in a cage, and restrained in a way which would never have been allowed in a hospital.

"It is an echo almost from the Middle Ages," said Mr. Dodds, "when people with mental disorders were kept chained up.

On November 2, chains fastening the girl's legs were removed and the padlock taken off, but she was left locked in the room. She escaped from the house and was found by the police in a doorway.

Her arm was chained to her collarbone.

84 HOURS IN RUBBER DINGHY

After 84 hours drifting through a rough sea in a rubber dinghy, the crew of a British bomber has been saved from the North Sea, despite German efforts to prevent the rescue.

Coastal Command aircraft and naval vessels searched for three and a half days. The Germans attempted several times to obstruct the rescue efforts, and Blenheim fighters were despatched on protective patrol.

When Heinkel 115's came near one of the searching warships, they were engaged by Hudsons, which drove them off.

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Three times our aircraft located the dinghy as it was carried hither and thither by wind and currents, but the longest the rubber boat could be kept in sight at one time was five minutes. Visibility was very poor, and the windows of the aircraft were often coated with brine.

At dusk on the first day of the search a Hudson dropped a parcel of comforts near the dinghy. It fell ten yards down wind, and although the men in the rubber boat paddled hard they failed to reach the package.

There was more success on the third day when a container of food and tobacco, released by another aircraft, dropped alongside.

One man was seen to reach out and get hold of the waterproof bag, to open it, and to light a cigarette.

The rescue was effected 70 miles nearer the coast than when the search started. A Hudson circling the dinghy just before darkness saw emerging from the mist two warships which had been directed to the position. The exact spot was indicated by flare floats and by the aircraft diving repeatedly towards the dinghy.

Ten minutes afterwards the survivors were safely aboard.

INJURED BY BOMB

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CRICKET NOTES

RIDE HITS MINU FOR 22 RUNS IN ONE OVER

'Varsity Coached By Rumjahn

Gallant Knock By A. J. Hulse

By "Adrem"

ALTHOUGH KOWLOON Cricket Club juniors were responsible for the most spectacular feat in Saturday's League cricket programme, Baxter and Madar putting on 211 in an unbroken first-wicket stand, most meritorious performance was University's fine victory over Indian Recreation Club in First Division.

University, in both divisions, have shown consistent improvement this season, and I cannot say that this result surprised me very much.

While their individual keenness has had a great deal to do with their success, there is also another factor that has had much to do with it. A. H. Rumjahn, a graduate and one of the most experienced cricketers in the Colony, has put in a great deal of untiring work in an effort to raise the standard.

It is perhaps ironical that A. H. should have been a member of the side on which University served to demonstrate their improvement but I am sure, nevertheless, that he must have felt that the effort had been well worth it.

I understand that Rumjahn has spent most of his leisure moments in recent months at the University nets, where his coaching has been much appreciated and obviously assimulated.

I.R.C. Start Well

Batting first, I.R.C. were given an excellent start and with a useful score by K. M. Rumjahn and a really dashing innings by A. R. Kitchell who hit 10 fours and was very severe on Mahmood, whom he despatched to the leg boundary with consistency, 80 runs were on the board for the loss of three wickets at 3 o'clock. Madar, who had been content to leave the scoring to Kitchell while the latter was in, then opened up somewhat and at 3.30 I.R.C. were in a very comfortable position with the board reading 140 for 5.

On the dismissal of Minu and Nazarin, both potential fast scorers, and the advent of A. R. H. Esmail, the rate of scoring slowed down considerably and I.R.C., as the result of painfully slow scoring in the last 30 minutes, were forced to declare at 4 o'clock with only 154 on the board — a total that would have been more than sufficient last season.

On the face of it, it would seem that Madar showed little enterprise latterly but I am told that he was not really to blame as it invariably happened that he would score a single and Esmail would play out the rest of the over. Esmail tried hard but simply could not get the ball away. He was obviously not the right man to be batting at such a time

Keen 'Varsity Fielding

The University attack had not been really dangerous but keen fielding always made run-getting a difficult proposition.

That University got the runs with 10 minutes to spare was due largely to the fine batting of L. T. Ride. The H.K.C.C. batsman gave a chanceless display, defending stoutly when the occasion demanded and later hitting with great effect.

Highlight of his innings was his cavalier treatment of Interporter Minu, off whose last over he took no fewer than 22 runs.

Tsui batted stolidly and Fenton was doing very well until he was unfortunate to be run out. He hit a ball to M. el Arculli at cover and called. Ride said "no" but

Fenton persisted and Arculli threw in and hit the wicket.

K.C.C. v C.C.C.

The match between the Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, and Craigengower Cricket Club, at the Valley, was an extraordinary one in many respects.

To start with, Hulse completely dominated the scoring of the home side and scored 68 out of the 80 runs which came from the bat, while Archie Zimmern, the K.C.C. wicket-keeper, very nearly reached the half-century in the matter of extras.

Set only 126 runs to win in the best part of two hours, K.C.C., who pride themselves on their ability to score quickly, had to struggle hard for the runs and, although there was never very much doubt that they would eventually get them, there is no knowing what would have happened if their earlier batsmen had become impatient and decided to hit out, in which case, as subsequent events proved, they would most certainly have got out.

Broadbridge's Fine Catches

K.C.C. started off well as J. L. Youngsaye, off the first ball he received from F. R. Zimmern, skied a ball into the slips, where Reggie Broadbridge made no mistake with a high chance. Then Ernie Zimmern, who was looking very confident, played forward at an out-swinger from his brother and Broadbridge again distinguished himself, holding a brilliant catch about an inch off the ground.

Craigengower's troubles were still not over as Francis Zimmern produced the best ball of the match which started outside Souza's legs, swung across and hit the off-stump, giving Souza no chance whatever.

With Craigengower's total 13 for 3, Zimmern and Lee bowling well and the K.C.C. field full of confidence, it would not have surprised if Craigengower had all

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MIGHTY HITTING BY CRAIGENGOWER TAIL-END BATSMEN

By "Adrem"

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE produced some interesting cricket on Saturday, two centuries and a hat-trick being registered, the 211 partnership between Baxter and Madar, for K.C.C. against University, probably constituting a record.

The best match of the day, however, was the I.R.C.-C.C.C. fixture at Sookunpoo, where Craigengower, who are making a strong challenge for the title this season, scored an excellent win.

At one time it appeared any odds on a draw, as, at 5.30, Craigengower were still some 60 runs behind with barely 30 minutes to go. Hurricane hitting by U. M. Omar, who lifted the bowling over the sight screen at least three times, A. B. Hamson and U. H. Esmail, enabled these runs to be secured five minutes before 6 o'clock.

Situation Redeemed

At one time I.R.C., who batted first, appeared likely to be all out for under 100. They had been given a good start by A. H. Ismail and A. R. Suffiad but a collapse set in and several wickets fell cheaply. A. M. Omar, who had bowled 13 overs, then took himself off and J. M. A. Rumjahn, F. A. Curreem and M. A. Wahab took heavy toll of some loose bowling by Lam.

Left-handed Esmail, however, found a length and finished off the innings in quick time.

A. M. Omar bowled very well and had all the I.R.C. batsmen in trouble, while veteran U. M. always appeared likely to take wickets but had no luck. Esmail gave a very promising display and should do even better when he acquires more experience.

C.C.C. started off promisingly. Lee, Hung and Lam all doing well, but, when Hamson went in, four wickets were down for about 80 runs with little more than half an hour to go.

Hamson took no chances at the outset but when he had played himself in he hit hard, as did U. M. Omar and Esmail, and the necessary runs were hit off in an exciting finish.

Times Differ

A discrepancy in the times of the pavilion clock and the scorers' watches, resulting in a late declaration by K.C.C., may well cost Kowloon the championship, as University held them to a draw.

Baxter and Madar, of course, made centuries but as the opposition bowling was weak and both batsmen have had considerable experience in senior cricket, this feat is not nearly as remarkable as it sounds!

University had no possible chance of getting the runs and quite justifiably made no effort but Fenton nearly proved their downfall as he took 5 for 35 and eight wickets had fallen when stumps were drawn.

N. Singh played a fine innings and did much to save the undergraduates from outright defeat.

Silva's Consistency

P. M. N. da Silva, former Recreio cricket secretary, is evidently having the time of his life in the second team, in which he plays by preference. He has rarely completely failed since he elected to go down and on Saturday he had his best match to date, batting well for 32 runs, and taking 6 for 23, to practically win the match on his own. Prata also made a few runs and left-handed F. J. Remedios hit hard, if somewhat unskilfully for 50 not out.

For the Police, Carey bowled steadily and Pope did the hat-trick but the Champions were always up against it and never looked like winning.

been out for under 50. Hulse, however, after rather a shaky opening during which he could not get the ball in the middle of the bat either in attack or defence, settled down. He gave a chance to Broadbridge in the slips but the ball was never more than a foot off the ground and it travelled fast to the left hand, and there were one or two other chance later on, but they were all difficult and no blame can be attached to the fielders for not accepting them.

A. K. Ismail deserves the utmost credit for a fine defensive innings.

Francis Zimmern bowled very well in his first spell, when he was making the ball swing across late to the off but he then became obsessed with the idea that he could bowl leg-theory and this started the wicket-keeping rot which subsequently developed into a rout!

Robbie Lee, in his brief spell, bowled as well as anybody. He made good pace off the wicket and was turning the ball a lot, while Lloyd was steady enough although most of his wickets were virtual gifts.

Steady Bowling

Backed by a keen field, Billimoria and Souza kept Anderson and Hung tied in knots and on that small ground, and notwithstanding a fair measure of boundary snicks, this pair could only put on 36 in the first three-quarters of an hour. Hung who never appeared comfortable, scored 23 of these in one of his shakiest innings for some time.

Anderson was solid but, even when defending, was beaten more often than I have seen him beaten in any other innings this season but his wicket remained intact and, no, until Kowloon's total was in sight of their opponents', was he bowled by Ismail. Ernie Fincher was very enterprising and scored much quicker than anyone else but he was never too certain where his shots would finish.

Craigengower did very well and have no reason to be dissatisfied. When their acknowledged batsmen settle down they will return some upsets in the League as they have one of the best bowling attacks in the

CRICKET CLUB SELECTIONS

The following teams will represent H.K.C.C. on Saturday at 2.00 p.m.:—

1st XI v Royal Artillery at H.K.C.C.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, T. G. C. Knight, M. F. L. Haynes, F. Baker, K. J. Attwell, N. D. Booker, T. V. N. Fortescue and A. K. Mackenzie.

2nd XI v D.B.S. at Diocesan Boys' School—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, D. S. Robb, I. P. Tamworth, W. G. Finnie, A. J. Dewar, D. O. Parsons, H. J. Armstrong, O. E. C. Marton, D. B. Evans and E. W. Pudney.

C.C.C. Teams

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.:—

1st XI v I.R.C. (home)—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, J. W. Leonard, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Youngsaye. Reserve: T. Edgar.

2nd XI v K.C.C. (away)—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way. Reserves: O. M. Omar and L. Choa.

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ROYAL ENGINEERS

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L/Cpl. Pelham, c Honeywell, b West	18
S/Sgt. Megson, c Wilson, b West	0
Sgt. Shipp, c and b Brown	22
Spr. Ratcliffe, c Boyes, b Horgan	13
Lieut. Holliday, l.b.w., b Brown	0
Spr. Bailey, l.b.w., b Brown	6
S/Sgt. Kenoe, l.b.w., b West	0
Sgt. Dobson, l.b.w., b West	2
Spr. Horreen, not out	0
L/Cpl. Thompson, b Brown	0
Extras (LB4)	4
Total	65

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
West	6	2	11	5
Horgan	4	0	36	1
Brown	2	0	14	4

TAMAR C.C.

West, b Shipp	38
Brown, b Tropp	2
West, b Tropp	13
Honeywell, b Holliday	1
Boyes, run out	0
Wilson, b Tropp	0
Horgan, c Kehoe, b Horren	35
Snell, c Holliday, b Shipp	1
Robinson, b Horren	10
Hopkins, not out	22
Sharp, b Tropp	8
Extras (B5, LB1)	6
Total	136

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	5.5	0	36	4
Megson	4	0	34	0
Holliday	3	0	16	1
Shipp	4	1	23	2
Horren	2	0	21	2

BADMINTON

ST. JOHN'S AND K.C.C. SCORE WINS

Four matches were played in "B" Division of the Badminton League last night, most notable results being the victories of St John's and Kowloon Cricket Club Following were the scores:

J.R.C. v Chung Wah

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Chung Wah by 8 games to 1.

A. R. Pollak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.).
lost to C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy 9 21
lost to P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21 23
lost to F. S. Li and S. C. Liang ..... 5—21

L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.).
lost to Chiu and Choy .... 5—21
lost to Leung and Chiu ... 16—21
lost to Li and Liang ..... 10—21

B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.).
lost to Chiu and Choy .... 5—21
lost to Leung and Chiu .... 12—21
beat Li and Liang ..... 21—9

K. Tong v St. John's

Playing at home, Kowloon Tong lost to St. John's by 6 games to 3.

Peter Lo and Joe Tsang (Kowloon Tong).
lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson ..... 18—21
beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd ..... 21—9
lost to H. Eardley and D. Kwok ..... 4—21

J. A. Chen and N. A. E. Mackay (Kowloon Tong).
lost to Smith and Wilson .. 8—21
beat Maynard and Ladd .. 21—8
lost to Eardley and Kwok . 3—21

R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong).
lost to Smith and Wilson .. 18—21
beat Maynard and Ladd .. 21—7
lost to Eardley and Kwok .. 3—21

Recreio v V.R.C.

At King's Park Recreio beat Victoria Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2.

P. P. Botelho and K. A. Yvanovich Jr. (Recreio).
lost to D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn ..... 22—24
beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares ..... 21—13
beat F. Castro and A. A. Remedios ..... 21—13

E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio).
beat Xavier and Rumjahn .. 21—16
beat Basto and Soares ..... 21—3
beat Castro and Remedios .. 21—8

A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio).
lost to Xavier and Rumjahn ..... 16—21
beat Basto and Soares ..... 21—11
beat Castro and Remedios .. 21—17

CHINESE TEAM FOR LAI WAH CUP SOCCER

The following have been selected to represent Chinese against the Army in the Lai Wah Cup at Causeway Bay ground on Monday, Jan. 27, at 3.30 p.m.:

Cheung Wing-choi (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China); Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Lau Hing-choi (South China), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Hsu King-sing (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern), Fung King-cheong (Sin Tao), V. K. Hyui (Eastern), Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: — Lee Kwok-kee (Kwong Wah), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao), Tse Kam-hung (South China), Kwok Ying-ki (Sing Tao), Wong King-chung (Kwong Wah), C. T. Tsao (Eastern), Chan Tak-fai (South China), Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah).

K.C.C. WIN

At St. Andrew's, the home team lost to Kowloon Cricket Club by 5 games to 4.

IMPRESSIVE INNINGS BY DOUGLASS

By "Adrem"

A Hong Kong Cricket Club "A" team were surprised by the Royal Scots in a friendly cricket match at Chater Road on Saturday, Douglass Coombes and Emmerson batting well and easily securing the 150 runs set them.

Perry and Bishop made runs for Cricket Club and a declaration was made at 150 for 8. Bateman taking six of the wickets that fell for only 41.

Scots lost Godley and Alsey early but Douglass and Coombes became associated and scored freely. Douglass's innings was really first-class and it is a great pity that this officer does not play more often, but Coombes, although effective, was at times rather crude. Most of his runs came from straight drives and hooks and he revealed a very keen eye and strong wrists in playing some of his shots.

The Club bowling was not good and fast-bowler Dewar came in for a good deal of punishment from both Coombes and Douglass.

Match between Civil Service and an Army-cum-R.A.F. team did not produce a very high standard of batting and only 98 runs were scored in the course of the afternoon. Best bowling performances were Hawkins' 5 for 13, Stone's 3 for 15 and College's 3 for 0, while Denyer was highest scorer of the match with 18!

RUGGER INTERPORT

It is evident that Shanghai, up to last week, were living in hopes of there being a Rugger Interport.

Here is an extract from the "N.C.D. News" dated a few days ago:—

"It was learned last night from an authoritative source that all lingering hopes for an Interport Rugger match with the Colony this season have finally been dispelled as the fixture is now definitely shelved . . . . . for this year, at any rate."

ABYSSINIAN REVOLT

Warriors Rallying To Haile Selassie's Standard

Colossal British Needs

Britain will need £755,000,000 to pay for purchases in the United States from January 1, 1941, to January 1, 1942.

This statement was made in Washington yesterday to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Morgenthau added that of this amount £366,000,000 would be in excess of British funds available for buying in the United States.

Mr. Morgenthau was testifying in support of President Roosevelt's Lease-And-Lend Bill.

He presented a memorandum showing that Britain's total dollar exchange assets in the United States were £443,000,000.

Mr. Morgenthau stated that £218,000,000 worth of Britain's dollar exchange assets were listed as liquid and replied in the affirmative to a question whether the figures he had given related only to actual orders.

He added: "This financial picture means the British can pay cash for what they have already bought but when it comes to finding dollars for anything like what they need they just haven't got it".—Reuter.

N.T. ARREST

Sergeant Hewitt of the Shataukok Police Station, accompanied by Indian Constables and two Chinese detectives, chased and arrested four alleged robbers yesterday afternoon in the New Territories.

Bands Unite Against Italy

THE REVOLT THAT HAS SMOULDERED IN ABYSSINIA EVER SINCE THE ITALIAN CONQUEST FIVE YEARS AGO IS BURSTING INTO FLAMES, AND PATRIOTIC WARRIORS, ENCOURAGED BY NEWS THAT EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE IS ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY ACROSS THE FRONTIER, ARE RALLYING TO HIS STANDARD IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Small independent bands, which hitherto have harried Italy's isolated garrisons, are beginning to unite against the common enemy. They are being supplied with arms and equipment, for which grateful messages have been received in Khartoum.

News reaching Khartoum suggests the movement has been greatly stimulated by the Emperor's recent proclamation announcing his determination to lead the patriot army in person.

Leaflets containing the proclamation are being scattered wholesale by the R.A.F.

Resistance so far has centred in the Gojjam district, near Lake Tana, in north-west Abyssinia, where the Italians long have been restricted to fortified positions.

Lake Tana Rising

Now the Gallas of the south have asked the Gojjam leader to send an envoy to organise resistance to the Italians in their district.

Several chiefs in the sector east of Lake Tana (which is some 200 miles north-west of Addis Ababa) are also reported to be up in arms against the Italians.

Even the Negro element, ruled by descendants of former kings, are fighting for the Emperor.

The revolt is being greatly assisted by the failure of the Italians, in the face of sporadic resistance by the inhabitants, to establish their authority outside the main centres.

In large tracts of country the administration has had to be left to the Abyssinians. — Reuter.

TRIBESMEN SNIPE IN TOWNS

An official report from Khartoum gives some idea of the difficulties the Italians are experiencing in Abyssinia.

While British patrols constantly harass them on the frontier, thousands of Abyssinian tribesmen are raiding isolated outposts, attacking convoys and even sniping at Italians in the towns with rifles and ammunition supplied by the British.

Over a large area, the Italians have absolutely no authority and their control is chiefly confined to towns and the main roads and even this is not always the case.

The R.A.F. raids are a great encouragement to the tribesmen, particularly in helping them to persuade those of their countrymen enlisted in the Italian forces to desert.—Reuter.

PROMOTION FOR SIR ANDREW

Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, has been promoted from Vice-Admiral (Acting Admiral) to the rank of Admiral, dating from January 3.

Under him the Fleet has played a brilliant part in helping route the Italians along the North African coast and in various highly successful naval engagements in the Mediterranean.

Vice-Admiral Sir Max Horton is also promoted Admiral.

He was a submarine hero of the last war and as commander of a submarine sank a cruiser, three destroyers and two transports. His promotion dates from January 9. — Reuter.

MOSCOW LOOKS AT AFRICA

The serious plight of the Italian troops in Africa is the subject of a long article in the Moscow paper "Trud"—organ of the Soviet Trade Unions.

"On the basis of the British figures," the journal estimates that the British Army in Libya now has a superiority of two to one over the Italians.

"Judging by developments," it adds, "the British, with 100,000 men in the Sudan and a similar number in Kenya, intend to expand their activities in East Africa.

These developments are of the greatest importance in the African theatre of war and the desire of the British to clean up the war in Africa in order to concentrate all their efforts in the decisive European theatre."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

"Hitler will act shortly—perhaps in a few weeks," declared the exiled German leader, Otto Strasser, in an interview with the Independent French Agency yesterday.

Strasser believes that Hitler will strike in Ireland and Syria. "Hitler has modified last year's invasion scheme and evolved a plan for the blockade and invasion of Britain with the conquest of Ireland as the goal.

"Ireland is regarded by the theorists as the Achilles heel of the British Empire."

Strasser discusses the possibilities of letting loose an army of parachutists from transport 'planes over Ireland, which Hitler would "defend" against British intervention.

"Hitler hopes, at a price of a few hundred or even a thousand 'planes, to gain in three days a formidable invasion base against Britain.

"I believe that he will favour an invasion of Ireland rather than an attack against Egypt or Gibraltar.

"The danger points against which the attention of Britain should be drawn are Ireland and Syria."—Reuter.

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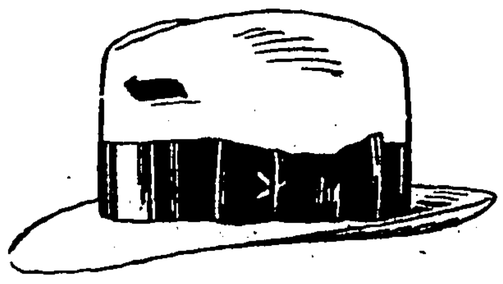

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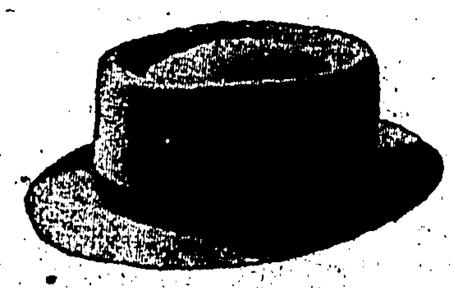

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R.A.F. REDUCES U-BOAT MENACE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE ADMIRALTY spokesman's comment on the relation between recent light British shipping losses and bombing raids on enemy submarine bases has opened up an interesting field of speculation.

These raids undoubtedly have been severe and their continuation is sufficient evidence of a valuable contribution towards countering the U-boat menace, particularly in the Atlantic.

Damage and disorganisation at Lorient and Brest, from which many U-boats operate against Atlantic convoys, and at the main U-boat home base at Bremen, is now believed to be high.

Several telling blows have also been made against bases of long-distance bombers operating against British and Allied shipping, notably the aerodrome of Merignac, near Bordeaux.

Both air and naval observers, however, resist the temptation to attribute to this counter air action against U-boat and bomber—as to the defensive measures also being taken by sea and air—too great a significance as yet.

Weather's Part

The measure of their success rests on being able to keep down shipping losses for a longer period than the past four weeks.

During the month bad weather probably had the most influence on the extent of surface shelling and torpedo attacks enemy submarines were able to carry out.

It similarly influenced the extent of operations of enemy mine-laying, reconnaissance and bombing aircraft.

At the same time, however, the first fruits of the recently announced decision that the operational policy of the R.A.F. Coastal Command shall be determined by the Admiralty are being seen.

Convoy Patrol

The Admiralty are now able to get more aircraft out on convoy patrol, submarine construction and other counter-blockade duties.

In the meantime the expansion of the Coastal Command is being pushed ahead, assisted by the guidance of possible delivery of [illegible] bomber and Consolidated flyingboats, which are being flown across the Atlantic.

American aid has a parallel in the Navy, where the American destroyers are doubtless a factor in permitting an increase of British escort flotillas.

Cooperation between the Navy and other Commands of the R.A.F. is close. This is shown by the frequent Bomber Command raids on U-boat and long-distance bomber bases.—Reuter.

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Imperial Forces Thoroughly Exploring Tobruk

HITLER THREAT TO IRELAND?

"Hitler will act shortly—perhaps in a few weeks," declared the exiled German leader, Otto Strasser, in an interview with the Independent French Agency yesterday.

Strasser believes that Hitler will strike in Ireland and Syria. "Hitler has modified last year's invasion scheme and evolved a plan for the blockade and invasion of Britain with the conquest of Ireland as the goal.

"Ireland is regarded by the theorists as the Achilles heel of the British Empire."

Strasser discusses the possibilities of letting loose an army of parachutists from transport 'planes over Ireland, which Hitler would "defend" against British intervention.

"Hitler hopes, at a price of a few hundred or even a thousand 'planes, to gain in three days a formidable invasion base against Britain.

"I believe that he will favour an invasion of Ireland rather than an attack against Egypt or Gibraltar.

"The danger points against which the attention of Britain should be drawn are Ireland and Syria."—Reuter.

U.S. NAVY DEMANDS 400 SMALL SHIPS

The United States Navy has asked Congress for authority to build 400 small vessels, including submarine chasers, minesweepers and torpedo-boats.

Rear-Admiral Samuel Robinson told the House Naval Committee yesterday that 280 of the vessels were "urgently needed" and that Congress would be asked immediately for $310,000,000 for their construction. — Reuter.

Necessity Of Storing Up Full Supplies

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Advanced Headquarters Outside Tobruk)

A PERIOD OF WAITING BEFORE THE ATTACK ON TOBRUK IS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY ON ACCOUNT OF PATROL ACTIVITY, TO EXPLORE TOBRUK'S DEFENCES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE NECESSITY OF STORING UP GENEROUS SUPPLIES OF FOOD, WATER AND AMMUNITION.

"In this desert war the quartermaster seems to have become almost as important as the fighting man," said one officer, who explained that some idea of the Army of the Nile's present problems and past achievements could be got when the present campaign is expressed in terms of Britain itself.

The task of attacking Tobruk from base at Alexandria or Cairo would be similar to that facing a hostile army trying to attack the Bay of Inverness from London without any railway beyond York and with a single road between York and Inverness, either indescribably bad or almost non-existent.

Add to this a complete absence of water supplies or petrol pumps anywhere along the route, and sandstorms like a pea-soup fog totally obscuring the road and aerodromes for days at a time.

Actually, the more I see of the Western Desert the more it seems clear that the British Army has no right to be outside Tobruk at all.

Anybody But The Italians

Bardia's defences alone, in the hands of anybody but the Italians, might have occupied our troops for months.

I spent two days inspecting the Bardia defence zone and all officers and men to whom I have spoken expressed astonishment that the Italians surrendered after only 36 hours fighting.

The whole defended area constitutes a natural fortress with deep ravines and caves protected by many feet of solid rock, proof against any bomb or shell and containing huge stores of ammunition and food.

Network Of Caves

Part of the Headquarter Staff was housed in a network of caves and tunnels. The general's office had over 30 feet of rock above it and had its own electric light.

Beside these natural advantages Bardia had a series of well-constructed defence posts reinforced with concrete.

Apropos the Italian surrender, an amusing story of how one of the Bardia generals was captured, is told.

A British sergeant saw a movement in a cave on the seashore and shouted to the occupants to come out. Failing any response he fired two revolver shots into the cave, without reply.

A British colonel bathing nearby came to assist the sergeant and stationed himself at the other exit of the cave, where the Italian general finally appeared and was arrested by the colonel wearing only a pair of slippers and a revolver. — Reuter.

ITALIANS "CRUEL" LOSSES

Following the failure of two Italian counter-attacks——in one of which they suffered losses described by the Greeks as "cruel"—the Greeks advanced a little further yesterday despite heavy snow storms and bitter cold.

The Italians have withdrawn to strong natural positions north of Klissoura and are making desperate efforts to stop the Greek drive on Berat. Local engagements are intense.

Greek artillery is very active both in the Klissoura sector and in the coastal area, where the Italians have been shelled for some time.

Aerial activity was stopped yesterday by the weather.

It is pointed out in Athens that the Greeks still have plenty of reserves in men and money.

Only 12 classes have been called up, while general mobilisation would bring 20 classes to the Colours. — Reuter.

NEW BARRACKS IN BOMBAY

New naval barracks, to house 500, were opened in Bombay yesterday pursuant to the Royal Indian Navy expansion scheme, says Reuter.

SUPPLIES REACH GERMANY THROUGH VLADIVOSTOK

THE PROBLEM of supplies reaching Russia across the Pacific, which have the effect of enabling her to export to Germany goods of value to the aggressors, has not escaped the notice of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

A recent statement by an American publicist emphasising the importance of aid which U.S. producers and industrialists may be indirectly affording to the Axis powers at the very moment they, in common with their fellow citizens, are approving the policy of giving the utmost direct aid to Britain and other countries fighting aggression, has drawn attention anew to this question in London as well as in the United States.

What is happening may be seen in statistics of cotton imports into the Soviet Union from the U.S. in the two last months for which figures are available.

Russia has imported from the U.S. twice as much cotton as normally she takes in a full year from all sources.

Obvious Explanation

It is obvious that obligations which Russia has assumed to Germany under recent commercial agreements could not be fully implemented out of her own resources—unless indeed the Russians themselves are to go short for the benefit of Hitler's war machine.

What is known of Russian policy does not suggest that that is on object for which the Russian Government would be inclined to ask their people to make a sacrifice, however, desirous they may be to see Germany's urgent war needs bring advantage to Russo-German trade.

Therefore it is to be expected after the new agreement that Russia will seek imports of commodities and notably oil, grain and cotton which will release equivalent quantities for exchange against German manufactures.

This may also explain reports that Russia is mobilising a fleet

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GANDHI'S MANOEUVRE

J. A. Spender On Congress Non-Violence Policy

No Need For Alarm In India

J. A. SPENDER, writing in the London "Times" yesterday, says: "I have long been a subscriber to Mr. Gandhi's periodical 'Harijan,' the latest number of which has just reached me, with an intimation that it is to be the last for the present.

"Gandhi explains that having been advised it ought to be submitted to the censor he has decided to suspend it rather than make this submission or expose himself and others to prosecution by not making it.

"His writings in this periodical have thrown so much light on the present situation in India that I will ask your leave to add a general impression of them to what other correspondents have written to you recently about our Indian policy.

"At the beginning of last summer he (Mr. Gandhi) seemed to be entertaining an idea of obtaining political advantages for India by her participation in the war, and this was then supposed to be the policy of Congress.

"India, so far as Congress could decide the matter, was to participate on condition that she received concessions variously defined as "complete independence" or "Dominion status," either immediately or in the near future.

"On this basis the Viceroy and Government of India proceeded to explore the ground and issued a proclamation which they hoped would, even if it were not immediately acceptable pave the way for further negotiations.

New Gandhi Stand

"But while the debate on this matter was going forward Mr. Gandhi was taking up new ground and he now made it known that he had come to the conclusion that any participation whatever by India in the war was contrary to his principle of "non-violence" and must be barred in the forum of the conscience.

"The development of this and the mystification it caused to his supporters may be traced week by week in the files of 'Harijan.'

"He has invited all objectors to state their views and has answered them with unfailing patience and good humour.

"The charge of inconsistency leaves him quite unconcerned. He frankly confesses that he took the wrong road about this or was mistaken about that but is passionately convinced that he is right now.

"Moral Miracle"

"Week by week he has enlarged his idea until he sees India doing a service to all the world by furnishing an example of the virtue and value of non violence.

"He protests that he dislikes Nazism and Fascism quite as much as we do and that he desires to cause us the minimum of embarrassment but that in seeking to raise conscientious objection from the idiosyncracy of a few thousand individuals to the creed of a whole nation he is doing a service to all humanity and to us too eventually.

"He sincerely believed that the Dictators would quail before this manifestation but if they did not and the way were open to them to invade India, he thinks they would be helpless before this moral miracle.

"I have found it profoundly interesting to trace his development of this doctrine week by week and have felt a very real respect for the unflinching courage with which he follows where his argument leads him.

Followers Perplexed

"But, at the end of it all, he leaves us in a position in which there is no possible reconciliation with him short of adopting his views, going out of the war and promising to eschew violence in future dealings with our enemy.

"Anything less would, from Mr. Gandhi's point of view, be participation in sin.

"Where Mr. Gandhi leads Congress follows.

"It is evident from the columns devoted to debates between him and members of his Party that many of them are greatly perplexed both by his doctrine and by his explanations of it. To suppose that any large number of them are in any real sense conscientious objectors would, I am sure, be a mistake.

"But the relations of Mr. Gandhi to Congress much more resemble those of a Dictator to his 'Party' than those of an ordinary political leader to his supporters. He, like Hitler and Mussolini, is 'always right' and when he speaks he must be obeyed.

Government Of Blimps

"We must take it for the present that non-violence is the policy of Congress. But if so, the critics of our Indian policy may fairly be asked not to persist in the statement that the aspirations of India are being blocked by a Government of Colonel Blimps and Imperialist Die-Hards.

"This is the substance of German propaganda, especially in America, where Gandhism appeals to a generous and widely spread but uninformed opinion.

"For he not only holds these opinions, as he is entitled to do, but has instructed an important group of his followers to go out and preach them — to denounce the war and discourage recruiting, with the consequence which he anticipates and invites, that they will be arrested and sentenced to imprisonment.

"No Government at war can be expected to tolerate this, but the judge or magistrate who has to deal with these cases immediately finds himself in a dilemma. If he gives long sentences he will be denounced for harshness. If he gives short ones the offenders will repeat their offences as soon as they are out of prison and have to be imprisoned again, which may seem even harsher.

No Need For Alarm

"I suggest that the Government of India must be left to use its own discretion in deciding what it is wise to do. There is no need for alarm. India — British India as well as the India of the Princes — is making a handsome contribution to the war, both in men and materials and she will yet give us more of both.

"Nor need we be at all discouraged in seeking a solution of new political problems by any of the political manoeuvres or catch-cries of the moment.

"'Complete independence' sounds formidable but again and again I have had it explained to me by Indian politicians that if they can be free agents only for a week, their self-respect will be restored and they will immediately make a treaty with us, giving us all that we desire. The Egyptian model is in their minds.

Root Of The Matter

"So far as political Indians are concerned the root of the trouble is that they feel their self-respect to have been wounded when they were taken into the war without their consent being asked. This is the root of the matter.

"The war will, I believe, show them, as it will show others in the same position, the necessity of a partnership with a strong power but we must then, more than ever, persist in the endeavour to make it a real partnership in which they will have the sense of working on a basis of equality, controlling their own fate." — Reuter.

DETECTIVE SHOT DEAD IN N.T.

A Chinese member of the Hong Kong Police Force, Police Detective Ip Hung (No. C519) was shot dead last night in the New Territories.

A friend of the detective, Liu Kan, who was accompanying him, was wounded seriously, and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

They were walking together in Kut Hing Street in Tai-O District at about 8.30 p.m. when they saw two suspicous characters. Ordered to halt for a search, one of the men produced a revolver and fired at the detective.

Liu Kan grappled with the assailant and was wounded. Both men escaped.

FRENCH REPLY TO VICHY ADMIRAL

But for pressure exerted by the Vichy Government the whole French Empire, in addition to the colonies, would have flocked to the banner of General de Gaulle, declared Professor Rene Cassin, former President of the French Ex-Servicemen's Association, speaking in London yesterday.

Professor Cassin was replying to the assertion of Admiral Platon, Vichy's Colonial Secretary, that Great Britain intended to grasp whatever she could of the French Empire. — Reuter.

NEW P.A.A. ROUTE IN ATLANTIC

PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS ARE PREPARING TO OPEN A NEW WESTBOUND TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE FROM LISBON TO NEW YORK, VIA PORTUGUESE GUINEA & TRINIDAD, IMMEDIATELY. THE UNITED STATES CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY GRANTS PAN-AMERICA'S APPLICATION TO USE THAT ROUTE, REUTER LEARNED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY FROM A PAN-AMERICAN SPOKESMAN.

The first survey flight will possibly be made this month by the Yankee Clipper which has been specially re-built for the new route, which is nearly twice the distance of the Lisbon-Bermuda-New York direct service, but avoids the prevailing headwinds and gives the pilots better wintertime flying weather.

It also enables the Clippers to maintain better schedules and carry bigger loads.

Two other Clippers are being overhauled and will be used to maintain two weekly wintertime trips.—Reuter.

QUISLING STORM TROOPS RESISTED

WIDESPREAD RESISTANCE is being offered to the New Order the Germans are trying to impose on Norway, according to reports reaching the Norwegian Telegraphic Agency in London yesterday.

The tyranny of Quisling Storm Troopers has aroused the civilian population and disturbances have occurred. Several people were injured in fighting in Drammen where German Storm Troopers ill-treated people arrested in street fighting. People in the streets were attacked and reprisals followed.

Four Storm Troopers about to be thrown into the river were rescued by the Germans and a Storm Troop Leader mobbed.

Following the disturbances a curfew was imposed in Stavanger.

Arrests are reported from many parts, including well-known people at Bergen. New prisoners continually arrive at the Ulven concentration camp nearby.

Meet Tyranny By Force

An appeal to meet tyranny by force has been secretly circulated in eastern Norway. Unrest has increased by the German filching of the country's food stocks which are rapidly dwindling.

Plain clothes police have been organised in Oslo to deal with hostile posters and spies to tap telephones.

The Agency reports increase hostility between Quislingites and the Germans whose high officials regard Quisling and his friends with contempt and ignore so-called Ministers.

"Rats" Within

It is suggested that the Germans' attitude may be deliberate to win anti-Quisling elements, but anti-German feeling was never stronger.

Disagreement is also reported among Quislingites, some "Ministers" and party officials resenting the German conduct and some party members have resigned.

The "Hirdmannen", the Storm Troopers' journal, complains of "rats" trying to destroy the movement from within.—Reuter.

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Plain Speaking On 'New Order' In Pacific

"THE PROPOSED SO-CALLED NEW ORDER IN THE PACIFIC MEANS DOMINATION BY ONE COUNTRY TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE INTERESTS OF OTHER NATIONS."

So declared Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, who was the first witness to testify before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives when it began examination of the "Lend And Lease" Bill to Aid Britain yesterday.

Such a programme for the subjugation and exploitation of so many people by one nation was of great concern to the entire world, Mr. Hull continued; nevertheless, the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interest would be in friendly relations with the United States.

Mr. Hull also declared that the "control of the sea by law-abiding nations is the key to the security of the Western Hemisphere."

Mr. Cordell Hull described the Bill as one which would enable the United States to allocate its resources "in the ways best calculated to provide for the security of this nation and this Continent.

"It will do all these things in the speediest possible manner," he added, "and overwhelmingly, speed is our greatest need today."

Plain Speaking

In a comprehensive survey of the international situation, Mr. Hull declared that Germany, Japan and Italy have made abundantly clear their determination "to repudiate and destroy the very foundations of civilised world order under law and enter upon the road of armed conquest, of the subjugation of other nations and of tyrannical rule over their victims."

Emphasising the importance of control of the high seas, Mr. Hull said that should the members of the Tripartite Pact gain that control, "the danger to our country, great as it is to-day would be multiplied many-fold."

"Were Britain defeated, were she to lose command of the seas, Germany could easily cross the Atlantic, particularly the South Atlantic, unless we were ready and able to do what Britain is doing now.

Strike First

"Were the Atlantic to fall under German control, the Atlantic would offer little or no assurance of security."

Mr. Cordell Hull urged the importance of giving the maximum material assistance to Britain and other countries fighting the Axis

Replying to questions, such as whether the repairing of belligerent vessels in United States ports would be in violation of international law, Mr. Hull said: "The question is whether, in the face of a universally recognised movement to invade and conquer, peaceful nations shall wait until the invader crosses their boundary lines, or whether they shall recognise that this is a world movement of conquest and invoke the law of self-defence before it is too late."

In the course of his testimony Mr. Hull made one of the strongest condemnations of Japanese expansionist policy yet uttered by a member of the Roosevelt Administration.—Reuter.

A.A. DEFENCES OF FLEET TO BE STRENGTHENED

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday unanimously recommended legislation to authorise the strengthening of anti-aircraft defence of the United States Fleet at a cost of $300,000,000.

This would include the installations on board larger warships of the new type of five-inch pom-pom gun to combat dive-bombers.—Reuter.

PANACEA TO INDIA

THE SPIRIT OF COMRADESHIP, EXEMPLIFIED BY THE CONDUCT OF THE INDIAN TROOPS IN THE WESTERN DESERT, WAS HELD OUT AS A PANACEA TO INDIA BY SIR SIKANDER HYAT KHAN IN A BROADCAST FROM NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

He added: "My advice to India is to forget politics and concentrate on winning the war, as our men are doing, and in six months our political problems will have solved themselves."

Sir Sikandar gave Army Headquarters his impression of the Imperial and Indian troops now fighting in Africa.

He said: "Despite inferior numbers we are on top in both the Western Desert and the Sudan."

He revealed that Indian casualties were only 28 killed and 78 wounded. He declared that he was deeply impressed by the Indian troops during his visits to Egypt and the Sudan, especially by their extreme physical fitness and cheerfulness and by the evidence of the wholesome fear that the fighting qualities of the Imperial troops had induced in the enemy.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVITY

There was a pronounced resumption of interest in industrials on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Activity increased over a wide area and substantial gains were numerous. Tea shares were firm but the shortage of a floating supply of shares restricted the turn-over. Home rails went ahead while Kaffirs were supported by local operators. Gilt-edged, after a brisk demand, saw interest slacken but the early advances generally were maintained. Wall Street was very dull.—Reuter.

BOILING IT DOWN

THE SWEDISH NEWSPAPER "GOTHENBURG HANDELSTIDNING" YESTERDAY SAID THAT IN THE GERMAN PRESS "ONE MISSES THE USUAL JUBILATION OVER A GREAT RUSSO-GERMAN DIPLOMATIC VICTORY.

"Boiled down, Germany sought in the form of the agreement to stimulate Russia to increase the effort to satisfy German wishes. The agreement is based not on production and transport possibilities.

"The new ceremoniously-produced agreement is mostly a demonstration by which it was tried to put aside certain causes of friction."—Reuter.

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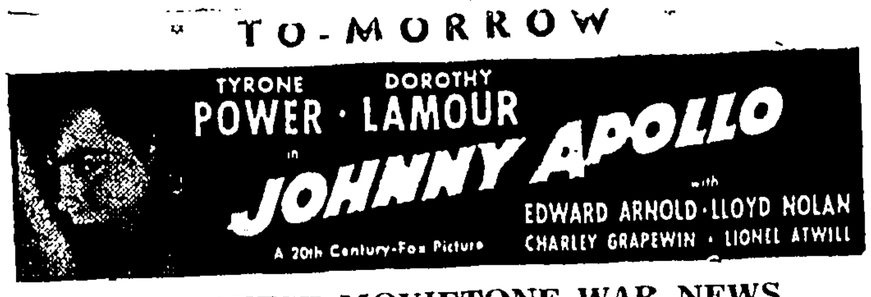

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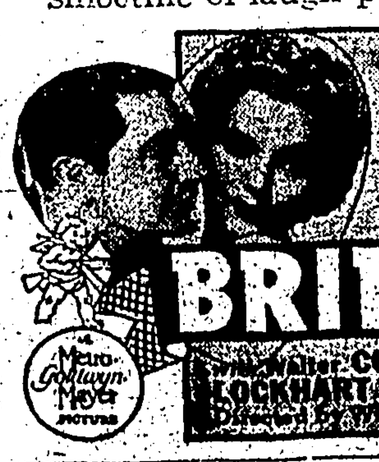

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MILITARY REGIME THREAT AGAINST THE CZECHS

THE SPIRIT OF CZECH independence has exasperated the temper of Baron von Neurath, Nazi "Protector of Bohemia and Moravia," while the latest reports from Norway show that the Norwegians are also making things awkward for their temporary overlords.

Reliable reports reaching London say that von Neurath has decided that it is impossible to trust a single Czech.

He summoned German officers and civil servants to his residence in Prague and told them that he would not hesitate to set up a military dictatorship if necessary, "because the spirit of Czech resistance must be broken."

He first showed signs of his temper by a signed article which he had published in all Czech newspapers, in which he complained bitterly of the "lack of sympathy for the German New Order."

Other articles in the Nazi-controlled Prague press attack the Czech Legion which, they say, must be disbanded.

Curfew In Norway

New measures, including curfew, have been put into effect by the Nazis in Norway.

The Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French News Agency reports that residents of Stavanger, Bergen, Haugesund, and Aalesund must be indoors by 8 p.m.

All public meetings are forbidden and certain quarters have had to be set aside for German troops because of incidents.

A number of arrests have followed the damaging of German property, and some reports state that the Nazis have had to send reinforcements to maintain order in Norway.

A three-months campaign only persuaded 500 Norwegian workers to go to Germany, and the Norwegian newspaper "Tidens Tegn" says that it was originally planned to send 5,000 workers "but some towns did not even send one man!"

Difficulties of communication between Oslo and Western Norway makes the control of public opinion difficult and every day the Nazi-controlled press storms against the "enemies of the New Order," saboteurs and those who "refuse to believe in a German victory." — Reuter.

GERMANS IN SICILY

There is no confirmation in authoritative quarters in London of reports that Sicily has practically been taken over by the Germans, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

These reports emanate chiefly from American sources and are probably based on the presence of German airmen and ground teams at some Sicilian aerodromes.

Indeed, the claim of the British Air Ministry to have destroyed nine Junkers during the raid on Catania indicates that the British have definite information that German airmen helping Italy are based upon Sicily.

Participation of German airmen in the attack on a British envoy in Sicilian waters on January 10 also confirms this belief.—Reuter.

MIDLANDS GETTING IT AGAIN

There was little enemy activity over the British Isles during daylight yesterday.

Bombs were dropped in the West of Scotland and in one district in Kent, but there was little damage and no casualties are reported.

Up to a late hour last evening, there had been no alert in the London area, but enemy 'planes were believed to be in the vicinity of Liverpool and attacking towns in the east and west Midlands and in East Anglia.—Reuter.

Disobeys Orders, Gets M.M.

An ack-ack gunner who disobeyed orders and was later summoned before a Court of Enquiry has been given the Military Medal.

Gunner Bennett was in charge of an anti-aircraft gun when an enemy 'plane flew within easy range.

Regulations forbade him to open fire unless he received such an order from a superior officer.

But the temptation was just a little too great for Bennett, who told his comrades he could not let the chance go by.

He opened fire, and the raided was brought crashing down.

A Court of Enquiry was called to consider what punishment should be inflicted.

When the full facts were laid before the G.O.C., however, he decided that there should be no punishment — and that Gunner Bennett should be awarded the M.M.!—Reuter.

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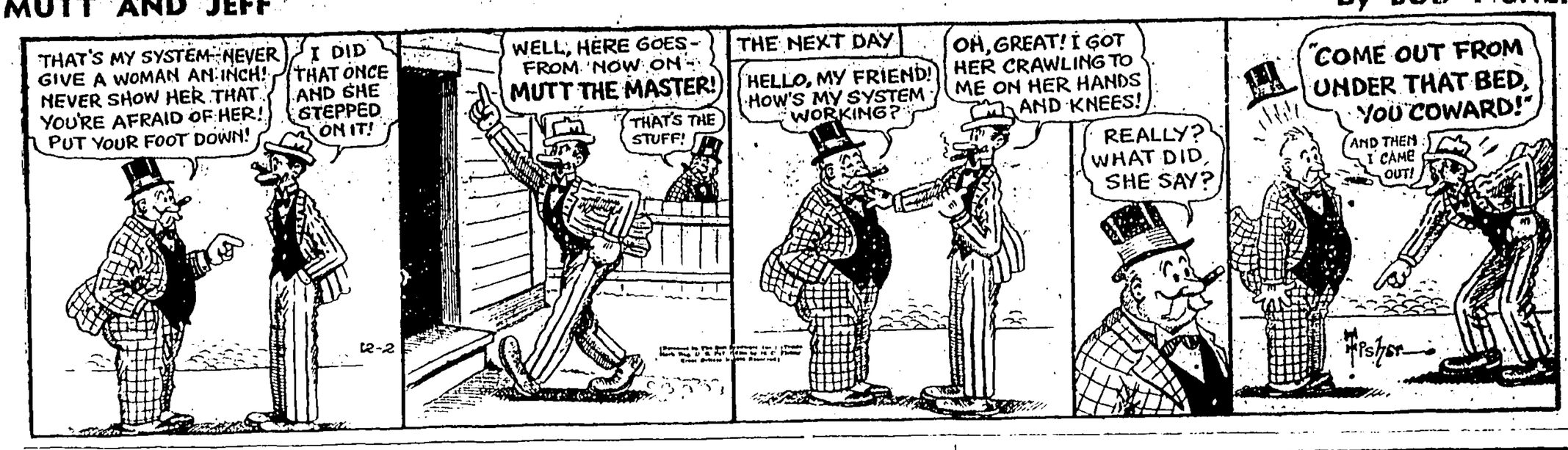
By BUD FISHER



MOTHER'S PARCEL AIDED HIS ESCAPE

FLYING-OFFICER Richard Freewen Martin—the twenty-two-year-old Cheltenham pilot the Nazis accused of breaking parole when he escaped from internment in Luxemburg on Christmas Eve — has been awarded the D.F.C.

He escaped wearing civilian clothes sent in parcels by his mother.

Last November Martin, then a pilot officer, landed his 'plane at Esch, Luxemburg, believing himself to be on French territory. When he realised his mistake he tried to take off again, but his wheels stuck in the mud. He was interned.

Martin warned the Luxemburg authoritica that he intended to escape by asking for his parole to be withdrawn.

Good Night — Good Bye

An escort accompanied him everywhere, but after dinner one night in the fortress of St. Espirt, he turned to his guard, said politely: "Good evening and thank you," scaled the wall, and jumped fifteen feet to freedom.

Eleven other R.A.F. officers were awarded the D.F.C. for gallantry according to the London Gazette and eleven other ranks receive the D.F.M.

The number of their squadrons were given—the first time this has been done. No. 1 Squadron has three D.F.C.s and No. 150 Squadron has five D.F.M.s.

No. 1 Squadron was formed at Farnborough on May 13, 1912, from the remains of No. 1 Airship Company, which in those days was associated with the Royal Engineers 1st Air Squadron.

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YUNNAN'S PART IN THE WAR

The important part played by Yunnan in the war of resistance was emphasised in Chinese circles in Chungking yesterday.

Since the outbreak of hostilities Yunnan has sent more than 100,000 men to the various fronts and it is stated that the total investments by the Central Government in heavy industries in the province during the same period exceed 300 million dollars.

Another 300 million dollars has been spent on the building of railways and highways in Yunnan.

The total note issue of the Futien Bank, which is the provincial bank of Yunnan, amounted to 50 million dollars up to the end of 1940.

The bank has invested 60 million dollars in the development of the natural resources of the province. The annual output of tin from the world-famous mines at Ko Chiu, south of Kunming, estimated at 8,000 tons in pre-war days, has been increased to more than 10,000 tons.—Reuter.

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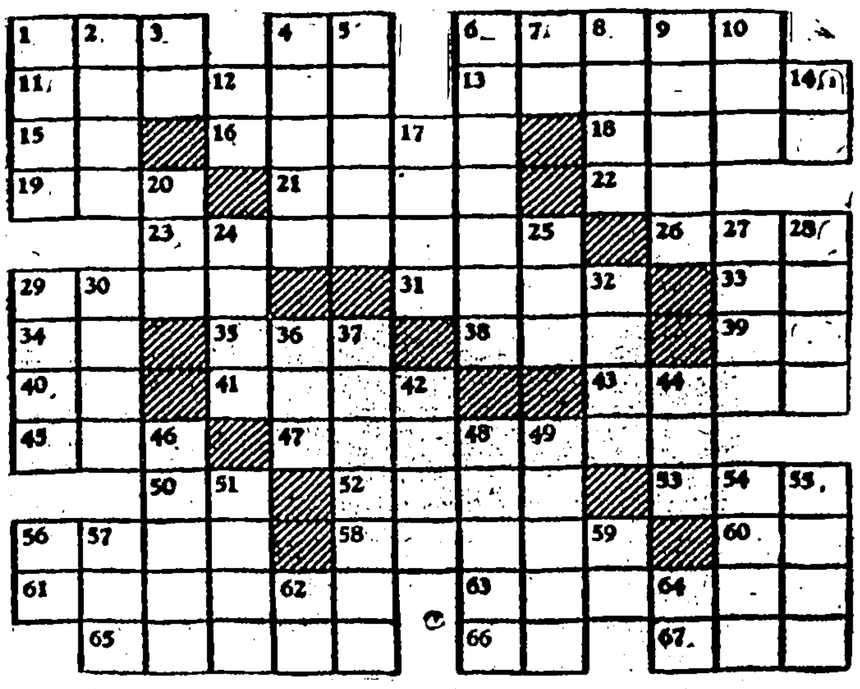

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1 Japanese sash
4 Mulberry
6 River in Tibet
11 To hang loosely
13 Sounds
15 Siberian river
16 Moved with effort
18 City in Nevada
19 Cereal grass
21 Roof edge
22 Teutonic deity
23 One-eighth of a mile
26 Cutting tool
29 Vertical timber on a ship
31 Eskimo settlement
33 To leave
34 Preposition
35 High mountain
38 Resort
39 Conjunction
40 By
41 Cowl
43 Fit of anger
45 Reak
47 Member of a company of actors
50 Babylonian deity
52 To narrate
53 Vehicle
56 To lend
58 Compound ether
60 Pronoun
61 Dispossession
63 Attacked
65 Checks
66 Paid notice
67 Fish

VERTICAL
1 Scent
2 Infant
3 Nook
4 Tree of the oak family
5 Permitted by law
6 Embosses
7 Negative
8 Terrible
9 Employers
10 Japanese coin
12 Earth goddess
14 Thus
17 Cry of Bacchanals
20 Lizard
24 Western state
25 Opening
27 Excited
28 Had on
39 Ship
30 Preposition
32 Rabbit
36 Parcel of land
37 Doorkeepers
42 Acts
44 Part of a circle
46 Edible seeds
48 Extreme
49 To entreat
51 Prefix: against
54 Frightened
55 To interpret
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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PROMOTION FOR SIR ANDREW

Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, has been promoted from Vice-Admiral (Acting Admiral) to the rank of Admiral, dating from January 3.

Under him the Fleet has played a brilliant part in helping route the Italians along the North African coast and in various highly successful naval engagements in the Mediterranean.

Vice-Admiral Sir Max Horton is also promoted Admiral.

He was a submarine hero of the last war and as commander of a submarine sank a cruiser, three destroyers and two transports. His promotion dates from January 9. — Reuter.

CEYLON'S FIGHTERS

READERS OF THE "TIMES OF CEYLON" HAVE SO FAR GIVEN £67,500 TO BRITAIN FOR THE PURCHASE OF 'PLANES — ENOUGH TO BUY NINE FIGHTERS.

The latest contribution is £7,500 and donations for a tenth 'plane are pouring in.

Readers of this paper have also given another £2,500 to the Lord Mayor's air raid distress fund.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday expressed his warm appreciation of a gift from British, Indian and other residents of Bahrein Island, in the Persian Gulf, of £628.—Reuter.

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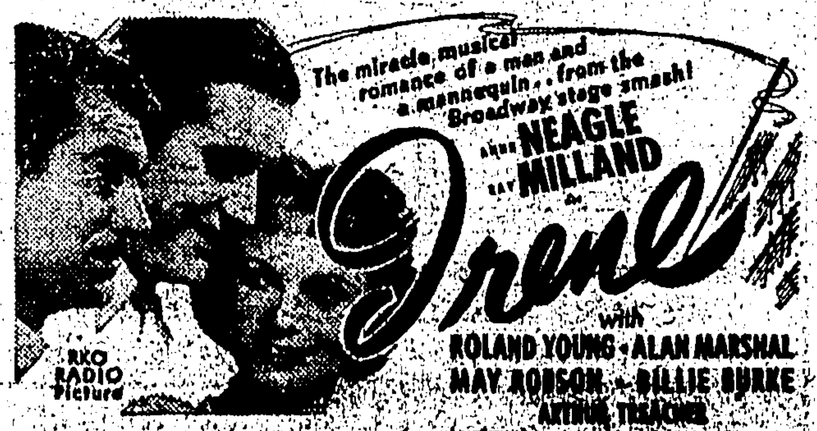
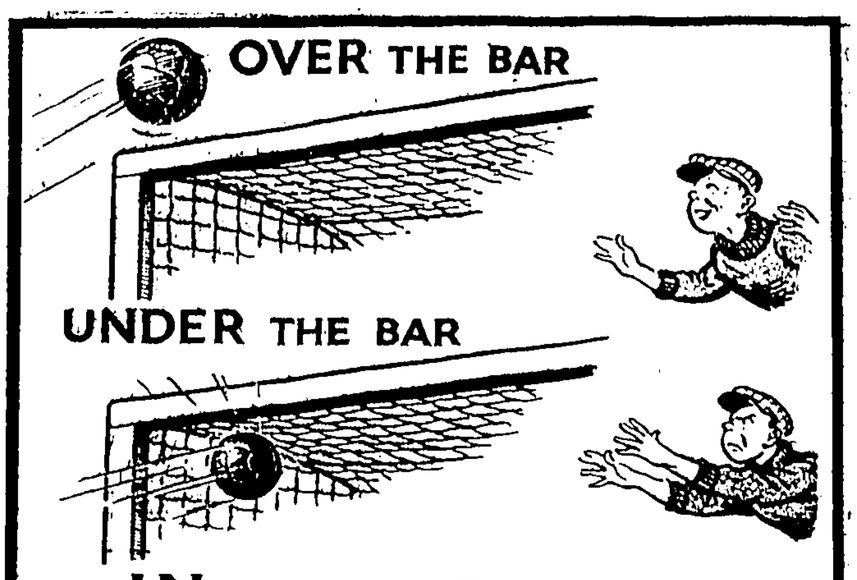


TO-MORROW — "THE MAD EMPRESS" — A Warner Bros. Picture



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VIVID STORY OF COVENTRY BLITZ

(By A Special Correspondent)

AS REFUGEES FROM THE FIRST BIG NIGHT BLITZ ON THE PROVINCES STREAMED FROM COVENTRY THE RAIDERS STRUCK AGAIN. ADVANCE ENEMY WARPLANES CIRCLED THE CITY, GUIDED BY FIRES STILL RAGING, AND THE GUNS BARKED AGAIN.

One thousand people had been killed or injured in a raid by 500 'planes on the city which began at dusk and ended at dawn. Coventry's beautiful fourteenth century cathedral was destroyed, and many buildings, including churches, a school, hotel, four public shelters and a police station were destroyed.

Pathetic streams of refugees, men, women and children were trekking to the safety of the countryside when darkness fell.

Every road out of the city, which had had a bomb rained on it at the rate of one a minute, was filled with the same tragic procession.

Thousands Stay

All day long this had gone on. By nightfall there were still thousands of people who had stayed behind to the last minute in the hope of salving more of their treasured belongings.

Mothers pushed perambulators filled with household goods, their babies lying on top.

Fathers carried elder children on their shoulders and bundles of clothing under their arms.

In the darkness I walked seven miles from Coventry with the silent army of homeless.

Alongside me, at times holding my arms for support, walked Dick Webb. His head was swathed in bandages, his clothing tattered.

Dick had lived through hours of horror.

"Damned Nonsense"

When the blitz started he was returning home to his cottage in the fields, far from any military objective.

"It is damned nonsense to say that the Germans made any attempt at direct bombing," he said, "because as I was walking across the fields a bomb fell twenty yards behind.

"It threw me forward. As I got up to run, another one came down just in front of me.

Factories Work On

"In the 200 yards running across the fields five bombs were dropped near me. The last one gave me this," he said, pointing to his wounded head.

Climbing a stile, Dick saw his cottage home crumble to dust from a direct hit. In spite of his injuries he tore with his bare hands at the shattered brickwork and alone saved his wife and mother.

They were in hospital as he walked reluctantly away from Coventry with me.

In defiance to the raiders, the biggest factories in this great industrial area were working at full pressure last night.

"The workmen insisted upon going on with their jobs," a works manager told me.

Motorists were unable to drive into the centre of the city during the day.

They had to leave their cars outside the barriers and, in some cases, walk two miles.

Five policemen — three specials and two regulars—were patrolling one street when a bomb was heard falling.

All Killed

The three specials threw themselves down and the two regulars fell on top of them in an attempt to shield them.

The bomb fell almost directly on them and all were killed.

Holy Trinity in the middle of the ruins three spires is only slightly damaged.

Outside it still stands a notice, "Everything depends on us and we depend on God."

RAINED BOMBS ON RESCUERS

Auxiliary firemen tearing away at burning debris, heroically attempting to free people trapped in an air raid shelter, were ruthlessly bombed by Hitler's airmen in the centre of London

Two of them sacrificed their lives. A bomb struck a six-storey building which crumbled like dust and buried them alive with their fire-engine.

Seven of the men collapsed, two with concussion from a bomb which dropped a few feet from them. Others had shrapnel wounds.

Several hours after daybreak debris had been cleared from one entrance to the shelter. It was found that several people had died.

"It was deliberate massacre," a fire brigade sub-officer said.

"Not once, but a score of times I thought my end had come. What amazing pluck my men showed!

"The men took it on the chin. As they threw themselves on the ground they got a joke out of it with such shouts as: 'Here's one with your name on it, Bert.'"

His face nigger-black with grime and sweat, one of the men said: "What a night! We don't mind fire, but damn bombs as well. Those swine are inhuman."

In one London district where firemen fighting a big fire were bombed, two ambulances with four girl ambulance workers were buried under debris.

One of the ambulances was dug out later in the day. The occupants were dead. The driver of a rescue squad lorry was also killed.

INTERNEES GREET OLD SCHOOL TIE

Old Etonian and A.D.C. to Lord Forster when he was Governor-General of Australia, Captain Pitt-Rivers has sent a telegram of greetings from the camp where he is interned to Eton School on its 500th anniversary.

Signatories with him were his fellow pro-Fascist internees, Captain Ramsay, M.P., and Captain Gordon-Canning.

Mary Maguire's Husband

Captain Gorden-Canning was a member of the pro-Nazi body, "The Link," and is the husband of the Australian film actress Mary Maguire.

Captain Pitt-Rivers is a Dorset squire.

The telegram was in the customary Latin and, translated, read: —

'Etonians fighting for fatherland, for honour and for truth at —, remembering the playing fields of Eton, salute her. Floreat Etona."

Churchill's Joke

Although it is known that the telegram came from the internment camp, the name of the place of origin on the actual message was indecipherable.

Political circles recall the story attributed to Mr. Churchill.

When asked what the public schools had done in the war, he is said to have replied: "Well, there's myself, from Harrow; Mosley, from Winchester; and Ramsay, from Eton."

AN URGENT SUMMONS

IT WAS REPORTED IN BELGRADE FROM BUCHAREST LAST NIGHT THAT GENERAL ANTONESCU, THE RUMANIAN PREMIER, HAS BEEN URGENTLY SUMMONED TO BERLIN AND IS LEAVING BY TRAIN TO-DAY.—REUTER.

BURMA MISSION FOR CHINA

The Burma Government mission to China left Rangoon for Chungking yesterday. — Reuter.

DAZED PROFESSOR ON MURDER CHARGE

PROFESSOR LLOYD JAMES was remanded for a week in custody at Hampstead court yesterday charged with the murder of his wife, a former noted violinist, who was found dead, from wounds, in the bedroom of her home on Tuesday.

Police stated that they found the body and Professor James was later arrested and charged with murder.

When cautioned James said: "We were so happy. I wanted her to die while she was like that."

There were two scratches on James' left cheek and his shirt-cuff was blood-stained. The police seized a large fork, a hammer and a poker.

James told the police: "I thought my powers were failing and I could not cope with my work. Rather than expect her to face a bleak future I decided that she should die and not be asked to face it.

"I thought I would also kill myself."

Later James said: "My brain will not function."

In court, James said he did not think he had said he would take his own life.

James appeared dazed in court. —Reuter.

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NOTHING

The world would be a much happier place to live in if only the people who have nothing to say would not say it. This aphorism by a music-hall artist who is also a philosopher was recently quoted by a Member of Parliament. He said he did not as a rule, for this reason among others, seek to hold the attention of the House for more than a few minutes. It would be an excellent thing if every M.P. framed the wise saying and hung it up in a convenient place to be read afresh every morning. The purveyors of platform platitudes would also do well to consider the wisdom of refraining from saying nothing and so contribute to the sum total of human happiness. The example of substituting an essay by Bacon for the usual frothy utterance expected of a prize-day speaker can be followed with profit. But it need not always be Bacon. Anything from Montaigne or Maurois, from Spinoza or Shaw, could be made equally apt and much more stimulating than a dreary repetition of painfully revealed glimpses of the obvious.

Often more to be pitied than uninspired and uninspiring public speakers are those anonymous, erudite, omniscient and discerning individuals known in the newspaper world as leader-writers. They must say something every day of the year, not excepting Sundays. It does not matter whether nobody reads a word of what they write. There is the allotted space to be filled. And, even if there is nothing to be said, it has to be said with vigour or with an air of quiet conviction. A cynic has described leader-writing as the art of saying nothing in three paragraphs. The day's news may speak for itself, and need no interpretation of any kind. But it would horrify the average reader to find the editorial column a perfect blank, or filled with funny stories and groups of asterisks. In these circumstances, it would not surprise the patient reader to know that the temptation to fill this column to-day with a selection from the pages of the past was almost irresistible. The only reason why it was not done was that it would have anticipated our centenary number on Monday. So the less satisfactory course was adopted of saying nothing about nothing in particular.

New Staff Chiefs Of The Offensive School

By STRATEGICUS

In full harmony with his country's mood Mr. Churchill has recently made revolutionary changes in the top positions of Britain's three Service departments. Disregarding "seniority," the Prime Minister has promoted younger men—adepts of the offensive school in modern strategy—to supreme commands. This article by Strategicus, the well-known Military Commentator of the "Spectator," explains who these men are and what their appointments signify.

It was in the very crisis of the struggle for the French Channel ports that Mr. Churchill uttered one of those flaming *obiter dicta* which, illuminating a confused picture, contrive to bring out everything in its true perspective. "The armies must cast away" he said, "the idea of resisting attack behind concrete lines or natural obstacles and must realise that mastery can only be regained by furious unrelenting assault." The words then seemed to wear an air of novelty, though it was not yet known that a distinguished French general had informed a correspondent that he had abandoned his early and skilfully conducted advance against the West Wall because "we were too far away from the Maginot Line." A statement such as that would have seemed unintelligible to Marshal Foch, and everyone to-day must find it difficult to remember that the first quotation comes from a statesman and the second but not the first from a professional soldier.

The facts have taught us much Before the war there had grown up a school of thinkers, who, in the endeavour to evade the inexorable law that wars are won by resolute fighting, had attempted to find a prescription for victory in numbers, material and organised defensives, but this has perished in the breath of reality and now it is realised that the dependence upon the defensive at length breeds incapacity even for defence. The defeat of France was due not so much to inferior numbers and lack of material as to the fatal obsession with the defensive system, with the Maginot Line, and this Frankenstein rose up in the end to overwhelm its creator.

But how far we have travelled from that mood can now be realised when it is seen that the fighting Services have been quietly given a new command of young aggressive men. With the appointment of Vice-Admiral J. C. Tovey, C.B., D.S.O., as Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet and Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, K.C.B., as Assistant to the First Sea Lord, Sir Dudley Pound, the Senior Service receives a new breath of life Fortunately it did not need to be infused with the offensive spirit: that indeed is its continuing characteristic. But each of these officers brings with him a fresh and vigorous bent for aggressive action. Both of them have been recently connected with the small ships of the Navy; and the spirit of attack is more inevitably associated with them than it is with the battleship, the ship of the line, which in the last resort assures their safety and is the foundation of sea power. It is, however, the small ships of the Navy that carry out the Navy's offensive, the blockade; that are for the most part the visible signs of its strength. Admiral Tovey, however, though he has only recently relinquished the command of the destroyer flotillas of the Mediterranean which have done so much to foster caution in the Italian Navy, has had experience of all types of ships; but since the smaller ships are the limbs with which the battleships reach out and secure their chance of battle it is much that an officer who has had such a command should now have charge of the Home Fleet.

Sir Henry Harwood is much better known to the general public. He brilliantly demonstrated the power of the small ship in the battle of the River Plate; but he brings to the conduct of naval affairs something much more valuable than is generally realised. The action he fought was so inspiring because he did not merely drift into it but because, in spite of his immense inferiority in armament, he deliberately courted the battle, foreseeing ten days ahead the probable action of the Graf Spee, concentrating his small force where it would appear and practising the tactics he thought most suitable before going into action. Ability to plan ahead, resolution, daring and discretion were all involved; and it is a great gain to have those qualities reinforced in the Admiralty.

But we have always had a tradition of offensive action in the Navy. It is in the air, which has witnessed the most striking developments, that we have been so pleasantly and proudly reassured. When the warfare of the allies appeared to have withered under the blight of the defensive obsession the Royal Air Force bombers showed that they could carry the offensive across the most highly defended frontiers and invade the enemy's territory. The fighters have been magnificent; but they though tactically the attack is their only weapon—were strategically only fulfilling the task of defending hearth and home. The bombers have from the beginning been on the offensive, inflicting damaging blows upon the enemy, weakening his morale, destroying his war potential. Under Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal the bombers have never rested from their vigorous offensive against the dock-yards, munition factories, oil refineries and communications of the enemy. His promotion from the post of Chief of the Bomber Command to that of Commander-in-Chief, Royal Air Force, brings that spirit of scientifically controlled aggression to the supreme office of the Air Force. If this newest of the Services has saved England from invasion, who can say how far it will go towards the defeat of the enemy? It is at least certain that in defence, in the preparation of the attack and the development of the offensive, the Air Force is an almost incalculably important factor. In the Great War, according to Major Grosskreutz, the comparatively minor bombing attacks of the time broke down "the moral resistance of the German nation." Now that the attack will develop increasingly it is certain to have an immense effect.

With the Navy supplying the basis of victory and the Bombing Force spreading increasing destruction the way will be open for the *coupe de grace*. This will be an offensive weapon. England was the inventor of the tank and of the first armoured division. Sir Alan Brooke, the new commander-in-chief of the Home Forces, is the brilliant officer who fought through the war in France and, a specialist in the use of mechanised force, saw both its power and its limits. Another of the younger school, his bold aggressive spirit will inspire the growing army that will one day take the offensive with decisive effect. The lesson of the war in Belgium and France has been well learned. The use of the tank with accompanying aeroplanes was first applied by the British army at Fricourt, in 1918; and the army command is no longer minded merely to present ideas to the Germans. The new army is being trained along the most modern scientific lines. From America alone 4,000 tanks have been ordered; Canada is manufacturing them and for some time various improved types have been mass produced in England.

The allies entered the Great War inspired with the conviction that they must take the offensive at all costs. This was taken so literally that on occasion it led to heavy loss, and as a reaction there grew up the school which places its reliance upon the defensive. But if an obsession with the offensive is risky, obsession with the defensive is fatal. It is recognised that only by the offensive can a decision be obtained; and no less than that is the objective of England. The British army, in any case, has always been an offensive instrument, like the tank i invented. The direction of the fighting Services is now in the hands of new, younger and aggressive men who by instinct and by training believe in the offensive. But it is in the scientific offensive they believe, in the improved armoured divisions, in bombing attacks prepared with scrupulous care and carried out with precision, in the new Navy with its immense accretion of small ships. At present only the bare outlines can be seen of the offensive instrument which will achieve victory; but they are taking shape and they form the foundation of our confidence.

Biographical Details

Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, aged 51, victor of the River Plate action against the "Graf Spee," Knighted in October, 1940, now assistant to the Chief of the Naval Staff. His signal at the time of the River Plate action "My object: Destruction" is characteristic for this man who is always in favour of taking the initiative and driving home the attack against his opponent.

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Vice Admiral J. C. Tovey, D.S.O., Commander in Chief Home Fleet aged 54, destroyer expert, will now hold the post corresponding to that of Jellicoe and Beatty in the last war.

Noteworthy that this officer has been promoted from the post of Commander Destroyer Flotillas in the Mediterranean to that of Commander in Chief Home Fleet at a very young age. This rapid promotion in disregard of "seniority" had a sensational affect on public opinion in Great Britain which daily backs the Prime Minister's determination to promote young men of the offensive school to the most important posts in the Services.

He gained the D.S.O. after the battle of Jutland when, as the Commander of the Destroyer Onslow, he closed in to fire remaining torpedoes when his ship was badly crippled. Under him the H and I class destroyers of Narvik fame and the Cossack which sent a boarding party to rescue British prisoners on the Altmark had enjoyed operational training. He is known as submarine-chaser-Tovey.

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Lt. General Sir Alan Brooke, D.S.O., Commander - in - Chief Home Forces at the age of 56, born and early education in France.

Specialist in Artillery, heavy armour, mechanisation. Inventor of the barrage map which came into general use for the direction of barrage fire during the last war.

Instructor at the Staff College, Imperial Defence College, Commandant at the school of Artillery. Inspector of Artillery, Director of Military Training, Commander of the Mobile Division, Commander of the Anti-Aircraft Division, General Officer Commanding Southern Command. Commander of the Second Army Corps at the beginning of the present war. Now Chief Defender of the British Isles.

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Air Marshal Sir Charles F. A. Portal, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Appointed Acting Air Chief Marshal and chief of the Air Staff on October 25, 1940 at the age of 47.

A remarkable career.

Colonel at the age of 25 in the last war.

One of the greatest experts in England on flaconry, on which he wrote his first article at the age of 16.

Won a motor-bicycle race in 1914 and became a Despatch Rider in the Army at the outbreak of the last war.

While Corporal he was mentioned in the first despatches of Sir John French in September, 1914.

Climbed the ladder of military promotion with the speed of a Spitfire.

Corporal in 1914, Lieutenant in 1915, Colonel by 1917, Squadron Leader in the Royal Flying Corps at the end of the last war.

Won Laurence Minot *Bombing* Trophy (aiming personally) 1918 and again in 1928.

Royal Naval College 1926, Imperial Staff College, 1928.

Commander of British Air Forces at Aden, 1934. India 1935. Instructor at Imperial Defence College, 1936. Air Vice Marshal 1937. Member of the Air Council 1939, Chief of the Bomber Command 1939 and Knighted March, 1939.

Chief of the Air Staff, October, 1940.

Decorations: Distinguished Service Order with Bar, Military Cross.

Hitler Is Angry

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.
Britain's famous political Commentator

Diplomatic circles in London are much intrigued by the latest underground news from Germany. There is abundant and uncontrovertible evidence that Herr Hitler is angry, very angry indeed.

It would be wrong to assume that he is depressed or discouraged. On the contrary his victories have exalted his spirit and convinced him that Germany's dominant place and his own are on the point of being established.

Nevertheless he is given to constant fits of rage which are greatly disturbing his entourage. The sources of his exasperation are many but the basic cause is clear.

Hitler knows that in Britain he is being laughed at. Formerly he used to be content to accept the translations of what appeared in the British Press but when the war began he determined to learn enough English to read the captions and the headlines at least.

The cartoons wound him most deeply. To him they are a form of blasphemy for like all dictators he dreads the shafts of ridicule. Next to the cartoons he most fiercely resents Mr. Churchill's references to himself as "That wicked man," "That evil man" and "That cruel man."

A more elaborate denunciation would not worry him but the stark simplicity of Mr. Churchill's language penetrates his self-esteem and cuts him to the quick.

Another contributory factor to his distemper is the applause of the French cinema audiences whenever the news-reels show pictures of destruction wrought in Berlin by the Royal Air Force. The intention of the Nazis was to contrast the barbarity of the British as compared with the consideration of the Germans who did not bomb Paris.

Even when Nazi officials glare at the French audiences to identify the villains who dare to applaud the French get around it by sitting motionless and stamping with their feet.

Finally, the Charlie Chaplin film "The Dictator" is worrying the Fuehrer. He and the great little comedian were born in the same year a few days apart and it has never been safe in Nazi-Germany to remark on the extraordinary similarity of their two moustaches.

British commentators say sardonically that Hitler should not be apprehensive of the Chaplin film since it is impossible to burlesque burlesque.

Finally Hitler's ill favour has fallen momentarily upon his devoted friend Hermann Goering. It was Goering who said that the mass attacks of the Luftwaffe in the daytime would break down the fighter resistance of the R.A.F. and pave the way to invasion. In addition to that the night bomber attacks would force the British to abandon London. As for bombs on Germany Goering was unfortunate enough to say that he would regard the intrusion of a single British aeroplane in German skies as a personal insult.

Things have not quite worked out according to plan. The British fighters inflicted such losses upon the Luftwaffe in their massed attacks that Goering had to call them off. London, instead of being abandoned carries on as usual despite heavy destruction of private houses, churches and hospitals. As for the single bomber over Germany there are squadrons every night.

Herr Hitler shakes his fists at the skies. As Emperor in all but name, world dictator in all but the fact he is very, very angry indeed. The Corps Diplomatique in London is always correct in its behaviour but behind the scenes everyone is telling the latest story of Hitler's outbursts.

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WATER-STAINED PLAQUE AT COVENTRY CATH.

(From A Special Correspondent)

A CHARRED, water-stained plaque is fixed to the shell which the Hun has made of Coventry Cathedral.

It hangs there to celebrate a triumph—the glorious victory by Lord Wellington over the French at Salamanca, for which, on August 17, 1812, a peal of 5,000 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rang out from the old belfry.

Another peal sounded in Coventry recently. The strident clang of a fire engine racing through ruined streets.

And as it sounded, its note broke in on a little group of people celebrating another triumph, the triumph of a great faith.

There were seven of them, four women and three men, sitting in the sorely damaged Church of the Holy Trinity, the second of the spired churches in this City of Three Spires.

A hundred yards away was the devastation of the Cathedral — only where the previous Sunday four walls, a tower and a spire was fourteenth-century glory.

On the other side of Holy Trinity was heaped rubble, which had so recently been fine buildings. Through the roof of the church we could see the sky.

Feet crunched on shattered stained glass as the seven worshippers passed to their pews, and the dismal trickling of water made a background to the cleric's words.

It was cold in the church, for the windows are gaping and there is no heating. It was dark, for there is no electricity or gas, and two candles alone helped the light of the dull day.

But here faith was unshattered, here were warmth and light for the tiny congregation as above the sound of the splashing water, above the sound of the fire engine bell they heard the words. "O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy Peace."

Peace is something that Coventry cannot hope to know yet, except in its heart. It has been torn by too savage a wound for the scars to vanish soon.

Yet, the heart is sound, the heart of the place which is the central city of England.

So many have left the city—want of homes, not fear, has driven them away—and left behind is the core.

And this core the maggot of Nazidom will attack in vain. Its quietly resolute citizens who remain are England.

Trudging through the battered streets this morning was a man who personifies the spirit of the ancient city he loves.

His soiled clothes are all that he has left. His home has gone, his business has gone, but his eyes were the eyes of a contented man.

John Shelton is an antiquary whose Benedictine museum has been visited by thousands. In it he had collected ancient relics which tell the story of the city through the centuries.

With so much lost John Shelton can yet be happy.

"My treasures are safe," he told me with a serene smile. "My pictures are hidden safely away. Other relics have also been removed and though most of my books have been destroyed I was able to dump some in dolly-tubs and rescue them.

"The loss of every-day things is trifling to me when I remember what I have preserved. They could never have been replaced. Clothes, home, business — all that can be restored. I shall be on my feet again soon, and so will Coventry.

"A place which has seen so much cannot be beaten in a night."

The spirit of John Shelton is the spirit which will rebuild Coventry. It is already evident on all the roads leading to the city.

Silent, Sad People

Five miles out on all the roads policemen are stationed to keep away idle visitors and two classes of traffic alone are traveling within its bounds.

One goes from the damaged town — a procession, becoming small now, of carts and vans bringing away the relics of wrecked homes, boundles of clothes, carpeting and old chairs on which sit silent, sad people.

The procession which goes the other way is made up of lorries carrying food and comforts and vehicles taking gangs of men and materials.

On all roads relief is pouring into the centre of England — squads who will clear up the mess, shore up the damaged buildings, straighten out twisted places and help to build the new Coventry.

They will build on foundations the like of which Germany can never know.

NEW 'PLANE HOVERS IN AIR

A new type of observation monoplane, demonstrated by United States Army officials is able to get into the air from a 300-foot circular runway, and can be set down within its own length.

It can fly at very slow speeds and almost come to a halt in the air, says Reuter.

PREPARE TO ATTACK —GOUGH

"I hope I shall live to see and hear the tramp of Allied soldiers through the streets of Berlin and of Rome," says General Sir Hubert Gough. "I, in company with thousands, nay, millions, have no other reason for living."

Sir Hubert, who commanded Britain's Fifth Army in the last war, writing in the "English-Speaking World," says:—

"The equipment and training of an Army of several million men must be energetically pushed ahead. This Army must not be organised for defence of these shores only.

"The young and Regular Army must be ready to undertake offensive warfare, to carry invasion into the enemy's country, as soon as and wherever the political situation provides an opportunity."

If Hitler Gambles —

Sir Hubert believes the invasion of England — if Hitler decides to make the gamble — will start with a tremendous bombardment by 2,000 or more German and Italian 'planes.

In the general confusion, parachutists and troop-carrying 'planes might be dropped, carrying many thousands of well-armed troops behind our lines — for instance, north of London — and crossing of the Channel attempted.

"It is a great plan, which might succeed if we were weak or unprepared at home. But we are not."

That gamble — if it were made —would fail.

TROOPS SING JAZZ IN ANCIENT CHURCH

A church 1,200 years old is now a soldier's club — but not everyone in Worcester knows that yet.

Thus people are — well — surprised when they hear the sound of jazz songs coming from St. Helen's.

When the church was closed because it had become redundant, the rector, the Rev. W. R. Buchanan-Dunlop, got permission to convert it into a club.

Replying to his critics, the rector told a reporter. "In St. Helen's Church soldiers sing 'Roll Out the Barrel.' I do not like it much as a song, but is it any worse than some of our hymns?"

OFFICER FINED £1,575

Squadron-Leader Thomas K. Burton, R.A.F., was at Bow Street fined in all £1,575 and 25 guineas costs for failing to offer for sale to the Treasury American dollars to the value of £1,200.

On behalf of Squadron-Leader Burton it was stated that he was working fourteen hours a day, and his mind was so full of important matters that he did not make the return. The Treasury had not lost a farthing through the transactions.

LUNCH SLANDER

In the King's Bench Division in a resumed slander suit, Mr. Justice Hilbery awarded Mr. Charles Frederick Donmall, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, £25 damages, with costs, against Mr. Ben Bennison, sporting journalist. He said that at a luncheon given by the Marquess of Queensberry Mr. Bennison took the opportunity of attacking Mr. Donmall.

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TWO GIRLS KILLED BY SAME METHOD

A GIRL OF SEVENTEEN, found strangled in a yard in the centre of Bolton, Lancs., at mid-night, is the second girl within a fortnight to have been murdered in this way, and in each case a soldier of about twenty-five and of medium build, is wanted by the police.

The Bolton girl was Minnie (Peggy) Stott, a grocery shop manageress, of Clarence Street, Bolton: the other girl was Mary Hogan, fifteen, of Waterloo, Liverpool, who was found strangled at the entrance to a blockhouse near her home.

Both girls were killed on a Saturday night.

Mary Hogan had left home to buy a newspaper. After an absence of five hours she was found, just before midnight.

Minnie Stott had told her mother that she was going to a cinema. Four hours later also at midnight, she was found strangled in a yard off Bradshawgate, a main street in Bolton.

Mary Hogan's throat was bruised and her head bore the marks of heavy blows. Her clothes were muddy and disarranged.

Bought Her A Drink

Minnie Stott was found by a policeman as she lay face downward on the ground. Her clothes were disarranged and she had apparently been outraged.

A post-mortem showed that the girl had been killed probably by the use of a cord or thin scarf. It is believed that she was murdered at about 10 o'clock.

Her death took place at the time when people were leaving a cinema near the yard.

The man whom the police are anxious to find joined Miss Stott and a girl friend in a fish and chip bar beside the local palais de danse at 9.30 p.m.

The man said he was a soldier on leave and that he was due to report back to his unit by next day. He invited the girls to have a drink with him and they had a glass of sherry at the local public-house, after which he returned with them to the palais de danse.

The man who is wanted in connection with the murder of Mary Hogan told a woman, whom he saw just before midnight that he came from either Bury or Burnley, and mentioned the name of a regiment. He added that he had been confined to barracks for some time for having been absent.

STORM HURLS 'UP INVASION JUNK

A LARGE QUANTITY OF WRECKAGE WASHED ASHORE AT SEVERAL POINTS OF THE S. E. COAST IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BELONGED TO THE NAZIS' INVASION EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS SHATTERED BY R. A. F. ATTACKS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CHANNEL.

The wreckage was found after a fierce storm had swept the streets of Dover.

Among it is a large wooden raft or pontoon. Underneath are two air cylinders, and the construction would be capable of holding a good number of persons.

A small raft made of rubber and of unusual design was also washed up. Other large pieces of timber probably belonged to rafts and boats which were broken up during R. A. F. bombing raids.

The wreckage is being closely examined by the authorities.

CONVICT'S 10/- FOR 'PLANE

Ten shillings from a convict at Parkhurst prison is among gifts towards 'planes acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production.

IT WAS GOERING'S FASTEST

(By A Correspondent)

I saw the world's fastest aeroplane recently. It was one of Goering's yellow-nosed Messerschmidt 109s, but I doubt if he would be at all proud of it could he see it now.

When I first saw it was running away from a Spitfire across open country in S.E. England at about 15,000 feet.

The Spitfire drew still closer, its Brownings stuttered. A man leaped from the Messerschmidt, and as he fell his parachute opened and gleamed like a giant mushroom in the sun.

'Plane Leaped At Us

And then it happened.

A man-made meteor tore through the air earthwards, straight at me and photographer Walter Elfner, standing on a hedgebank.

All we saw was a circle in the centre of a straight line, a nose-on view of a Messerschmidt, charging at us under the power of its 1,050 h.p. engines full out, plus the force of gravity.

There flashed through my mind the familiar cinema picture of an express train that seemed to leap straight off the screen at the audience.

There was a whu-u-umph, a blinding sheet of flame and we ducked instinctively as earth and stones and chunks of Messerschmidt whizzed about us.

"Only A Firework"

A baby in a baker's van across the road screamed. A woman got out of the van and told the child not to be afraid. "It's only a big firework," she told it.

The soft earth, as the 'plane's nose bored into it, absorbed the blast of the exploding petrol tanks, and saved the woman and child.

High in the sky the Messerschmidt pilot still dangled from his parachute slowly falling. As he sailed down to earth he must have seen the end of his 'plane.

STAYING THE 'COURSE'

Sir Francis Joseph, president of British Gas Industries, in a letter to Mr. Waller C. Beckjord, president of the American Gas Association, sums up Britain's position thus:

"We are all right for food; the nation is splendidly fed. We are all right for courage; it has never been greater. Best of all, we are all right for staying the course, because we are certain we can last longer than our enemy."

PARSONS ADVISED NOT TO WEAR WHITE

Archdeacon E. Gowing, of Southend, has advised the clergy of his diocese, to remove their white surplices when conducting funerals. He believes they provide a target for enemy aircraft.

PEERESS DIES IN RAID

It was learned that Evelyn, Viscountess Charlemont, had been killed in a recent air raid. She was formerly the wife of Viscount Charlemont, ex-Minister of Education in Northern Ireland.

The Viscount was granted a decree nisi against his wife in the Northern Ireland High Court in January on the ground of her adultery with Frederick Ryan, formerly in Lord Charlemont's employ as a chauffeur.

Lord and Lady Charlemont were married at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, in November, 1914. She was Miss Evelyn Hull, daughter of Mr. E. C. P. Hull, of Earlswood Mount, Surrey.

STOLE 15 BICYCLES

Lilian Faith Longland, 23, was sentenced at West London to six months' imprisonment on two charges of stealing bicycles, the sentences to run consecutively. She pleaded guilty to stealing 15 bicycles.

The magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett, inquired: "Does she steal bicycles because it's easy or is it because they have some fatal fascination for her?" Det.-Sgt. Young replied that it was because it was an easy way to get money.

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CRIME DOESN'T PAY
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South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
Duplicate Bridge

	♠ 10 ♡ Q J 7 ◇ K Q 9 8 4 ♣ A K 6 5	
♠ K Q 9 4 3 ♡ 4 ◇ J 10 6 2 ♣ Q 10 9	N W E S	♠ J 8 6 2 ♡ A 10 6 3 ◇ A 7 ♣ J 8 7
	♠ A 7 5 ♡ K 9 8 5 2 ◇ 6 3 ♣ 4 3 2	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1◇	Pass
1♡	1♠	2♡	2♠
3♡	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of spades, South winning with the Ace. Declarer led a low diamond, dummy played the Queen, and East won with the diamond Ace. East then returned a club dummy winning with the King. The King of diamonds was cashed, and South ruffed a low diamond. Since East had discarded a club, South ruffed a spade in dummy and cashed the club Ace, next ruffing another diamond. He then ruffed his last spade with dummy's heart Jack and returned a club. East ruffed, cashed the heart Ace, and led a low heart; but South, with a perfect count on East's hand, finessed the nine of hearts and won his tenth trick with the heart King.

We'll let our sleuths in on a secret: the defence slipped somewhere, for South should have been defeated at his rather ambitious contract. But who made the mistake — and what was it? Decide for yourself before going on.

East was the criminal, and his crime occurred at his very first chance to lead! When he got in with the Ace of diamonds, he should have seen the cross-ruff staring him in the face, for dummy was short in spades, and the long diamond suit indicated that South might be short of that suit. To stop the cross-ruff, East should have led the Ace of hearts and a low heart next; and South would have been able to make only nine tricks.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 8 4
♡ A J 9 5
◇ Q 9
♣ Q 6

The bidding:

You	Maier	Schenken	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have everything your partner has a right to expect in the major suits, together with considerable help in the minors. There should be a fine play for game.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 50% for three spades, 40% for pass.

Question No. 615

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold: —

♠ A Q 10 9 5
♡ A K J 7 6
◇ Q 6
♣ 8

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Dieting Dot says she's almost made up her mind to forget about her weight and hang on to her good disposition.

RADIOED AS HE CRASHED

Realising that he had to land his crippled plane in enemy territory, Lieutenant Gordon Robert Humphries flashed a radio message to his parent ship saying:

"Tell my wife not to worry. Everything will be all right."

This message meant a lot to his wife, for she was expecting her first baby.

Lieutenant Humphries is probably the first Fleet Air Arm officer to be taken prisoner by the Italians.

His machine was badly crippled by gunfire when over Sardinia, but he saved the lives of his crew of two by making a fairly good landing under extreme difficulties.

His wife, a Portsmouth solicitor's daughter told the press:—

"We were married at St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, at Easter last year, but we have only spent five weeks together during the past eighteen months.

"The last time I saw my husband was on National Intercession Sunday last May, when we were in Scotland.

"I received from the Admiralty the wireless message which he flashed to his ship on his birthday anniversary, but I had heard nothing from him till I got this 'Don't worry' message.

"I hope I will be able to get a message to him when our baby is due."

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SAFETY CANVASS

"Visitors" who will call at homes and make a personal appeal to parents to evacuate their children from London are the latest moves by the Ministry of Health.

They will include school teachers, attendance officers, welfare workers and voluntary workers, and they will chat to mothers and fathers in the London county area, East Ham and West Ham, giving them reasons why it is their duty to get their children away.

This plan was explained by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health.

"Parents will listen to people they know and trust," he said, "and we hope in this way to increase the evacuation of schoolchildren."

The Minister quoted the latest figures of evacuation.

"To date," he said, "322,000 schoolchildren have gone to the reception areas from the London County area, leaving 125,000 behind. From the London region 563,000 have been evacuated, but there are still 279,000 left.

"It is important to get as many of these away as possible.

"We want to make them safe from the possibility of death or wounding by bombs. Another point is that in the shelters their health is exposed to danger. It would be much better for them in the country.

"It is the duty of parents to send them away."

Among the reasons advanced by parents for not wanting to evacuate their children is that they cannot afford boots and clothing for them.

"This," Mr. MacDonald explained, "is easily remedied. They have only to tell the authorities and the children will be provided with these necessities."

"The old reception centres in England and Wales have been extended."

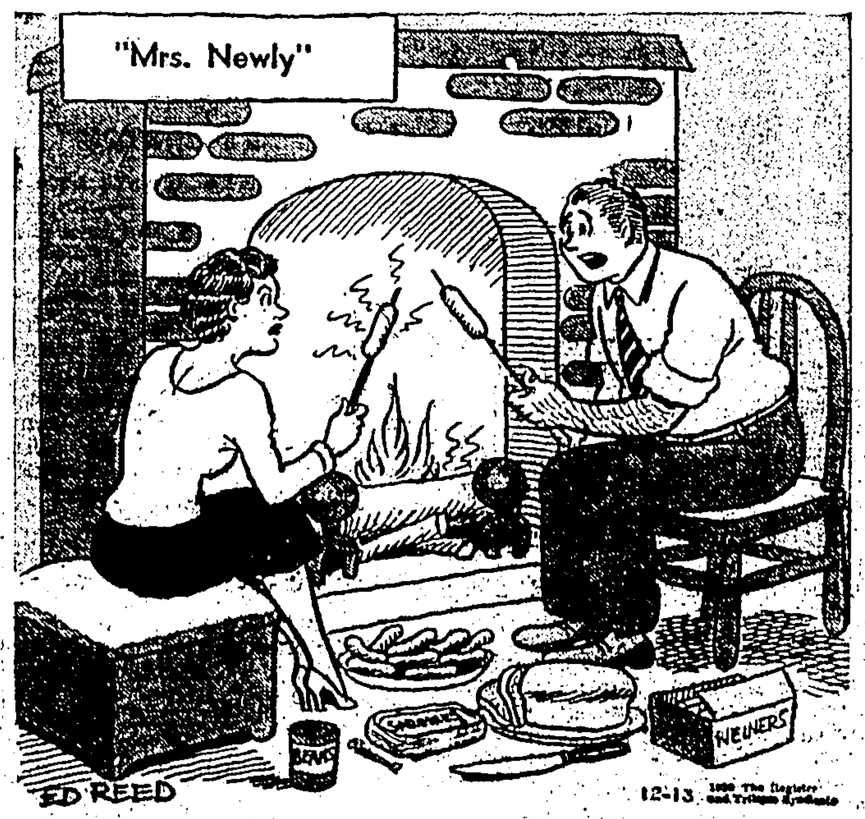
Of householders who have taken in evacuees, Mr. MacDonald said:—

"They are doing war work which is as important as the work of nurses and doctors. It is remarkable and gratifying what people have done officially and unofficially.

For children under five whose mothers cannot get away with them, there are already 150 residential nurseries in safe areas. Others are being constructed.

Since September 22, 39,651 children under five have gone out of London under the Government scheme.

OFF THE RECORD — By ED REED



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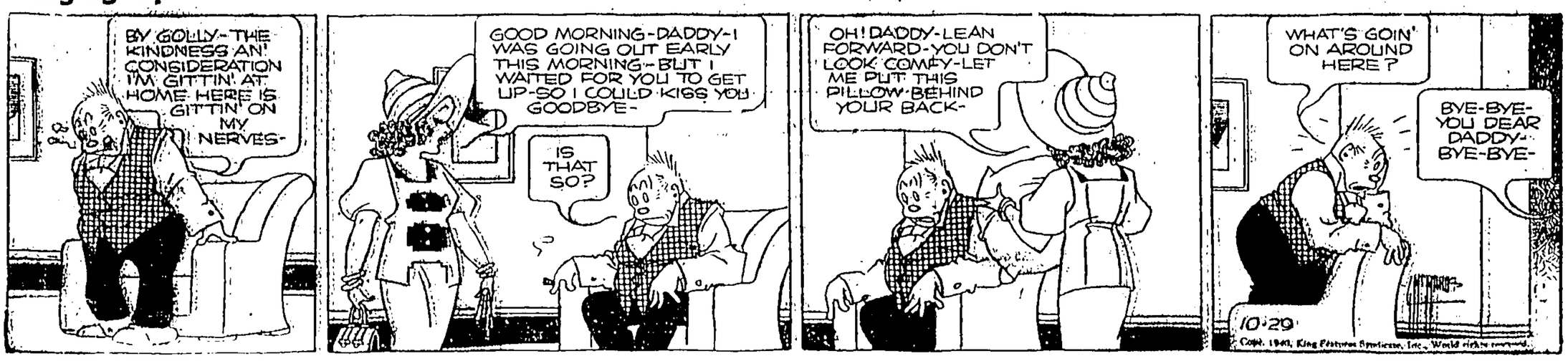

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

How To Cook Rabbit

"It tastes just like chicken." That's what the family says when rabbit is served.

A nice fresh young rabbit repays for good cooking. You can boil it, stew it, make it into a pudding or pie, dish it up as a savoury, and not a bit need be wasted if the remains are made into a nourishing soup.

Roast Rabbit

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 4 tablespoonfuls breadcrumbs, 2 tablespoonfuls shredded suet, 2 tablespoonfuls chopped ham, ½ teaspoonful chopped parsley, grated rind of half a lemon, salt and pepper, 1 egg.

Wipe the rabbit and season inside with a little pepper, salt, and powdered clove. Prepare the force-meat with the remaining ingredients and put inside the rabbit.

Skewer the head back and the legs on each side, cover the rabbit well with dripping then with a piece of greased paper.

Bake for an hour in a hot oven, basting frequently. Serve with baked potatoes and a green vegetable.

Rabbit And Pork

Partnered with pickled pork rabbit meets with great approval.

Ingredients: 1 young rabbit, 1 lb. pickled pork, 1 pt. white stock, 1 pt. milk, 2 ozs. butter or margarine, 4 ozs. flour, 1 sliced onion, 2 strips of shredded celery, 1 blade mace, 8 white peppercorns, salt and pepper.

For the garnish: 2 tablespoonfuls each of shredded cooked carrot, onion and turnip.

Wash and joint the rabbit, dice the pickled pork and place in a stewpan with the stock and milk.

Bring to the boil, add the onion, celery, mace, peppercorns, and seasoning, and simmer for about two hours, until meat is tender.

Knead the butter or margarine and flour together, and add, in small pieces, half an hour before the rabbit is cooked.

Serve on a hot dish, strain the sauce over the meat, and garnish with separately cooked vegetables.

JUGGED RABBIT, tasty and tender, makes a popular change.

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 1 pint good stock, 1 dessertspoonful lemon juice, 3 ozs. margarine, 1 oz. flour, 1 medium-sized onion, 6 peppercorns, 2 cloves, forcemeat as for roast rabbit, red-currant jelly.

Wash, dry and joint the rabbit. Fry in two ounces hot butter or margarine until well browned, then put into a stew-jar with a little salt, the onion stuck with cloves, the lemon juice, peppercorns, and hot stock.

Cover the jar closely and cook in a moderate oven for 3½ hours, or stand the jar in a saucepanful of boiling water on the stove.

Half an hour before serving knead the remaining 1 oz. of margarine and the flour together, stir into the stock, adding seasoning if necessary.

Make the forcemeat with the remainder of the ingredients, shape into small balls, fry in hot fat, and drain well.

Pile the rabbit pieces on a hot dish, strain over the gravy, arrange the forcemeat balls round the base, and serve the jelly separately.

Rabbit Pie

Make this delicious pie and see what a favourite it will be with the whole household.

Ingredients: 1 large rabbit or two small ones, ½ lb. ham or bacon or pickled pork, salt and pepper, 1 teaspoonful chopped parsley, little grated lemon rind, ½ lb. rough puff pastry.

Cut the rabbit into joints and slice the ham, place in a casserole with the parsley, lemon rind, and ½ pt. water. Cook in a slow oven for an hour.

When cold, arrange the meat in a pie dish, add two tablespoonfuls of the gravy, cover with rough puff pastry and bake for 45 minutes. Heat up the remainder of the gravy and pour into the pie.

Rabbit Pudding

And a pudding nourishes and satisfies the children.

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, ½ lb. diced pork, flour, salt and pepper, suet crust.

Wash and dry the rabbit, cut it into neat joints, and put head, neck and kidneys away for gravy.

Mix together 1 tablespoonful flour, 1 level teaspoonful salt, and season with pepper. Coat the rabbit and pork with the mixture, and pack closely in a basin lined with suet crust.

Almost fill the basin with water, moisten the edge of the crust, and place on the suet top. Cover with three folds of greased paper and steam for three hours.

Turn out on a hot dish, and serve with gravy made from the head, etc.

With Mushrooms

Rabbit flavoured with mushrooms and simmered till tender tastes excellent.

You will need 1 rabbit, 3 or 4 mushrooms, 2 onions, a sprig of parsley, seasoning.

Cut the rabbit in six pieces, put in a saucepan with a piece of butter or margarine, add a little flour, the mushrooms cut into quarters, the chopped onions, and chopped parsley.

In a minute or two add pepper, salt and sufficient stock to cover the rabbit, stir, put on the lid and simmer slowly till tender.

Serve with the mushrooms round the rabbit and a nice thick gravy.

In A Casserole

Cooked in a casserole with mushrooms makes another welcome change.

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 2 ozs. bacon, ½ lb. mushrooms, 2 teaspoons chopped parsley, 1 small onion, ¾ pt. brown sauce, seasoning, cayenne.

Prepare the rabbit and divide it into small points. Melt some butter or margarine in a frying pan and fry the joints quickly.

Remove the joints when cooked, and put the finely chopped bacon into the same pan.

Prepare the mushrooms, by chopping them, after washing and picking carefully. Reserve a few for garnish.

Add the chopped mushrooms and onions to the bacon, and fry quickly for a few minutes. Add parsley and seasoning. Put the joints of rabbit into a casserole, with the mushroom mixture sprinkled between the layers.

Pour the brown sauce over and cook in a moderately hot oven until the rabbit is tender.

Season the remainder of the mushrooms and put a pat of margarine on each. Cook them under the grill and garnish the rabbit with them before serving.

Brown Rabbit Stew

If you favour a nice brown rabbit stew, here's a nice one:

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 1 oz. flour, 1 onion, 3 ozs. fat bacon, salt and pepper, 1½ pts. water, sprig of parsley, 2 cloves (tied in a piece of muslin).

Joint the rabbit neatly. Cut the bacon into squares and fry for a few minutes, then place in a casserole.

Fry the rabbit quickly in the bacon fat, then transfer it to the casserole. Fry the onion a light brown and place in the casserole. Add the flour to the remaining fat and fry till brown. Then stir in some of the water. Mix till smooth. Add the rest of the water, stir and bring to the boil.

Pour this liquid over the rabbit and the onion. Add salt, pepper, parsley and herbs.

Cook in a very slow oven for four hours. Remove the bag of herbs and serve in the casserole.

To Wash Artificial Silk

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If your rayon is guaranteed not to shrink—a three-to-five minute run in your household washer, mild soap and warm or lukewarm water, comprise the best washing "recipe." Wash your rayons in plenty of water; for when rayon is wet it is less strain-resistant. Put the rayons through at least two rinses of the same temperature. Press out as much water by hand as you can between rinses, for most rayon crushes fairly readily. Handle it gently as you ease each article into shape. Dry indoors away from extreme heat. Iron with the lowest heat provided by your ironer.

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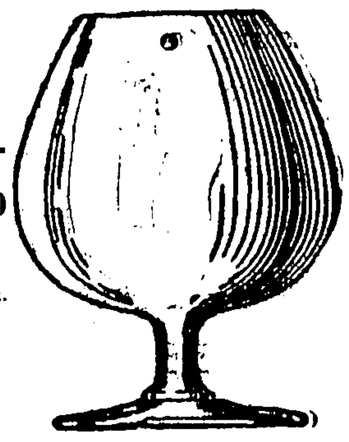

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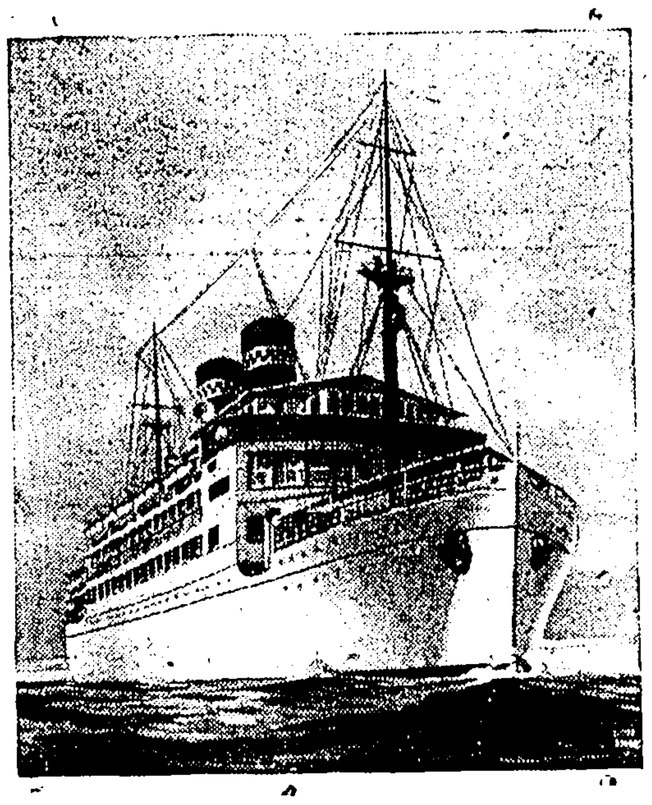

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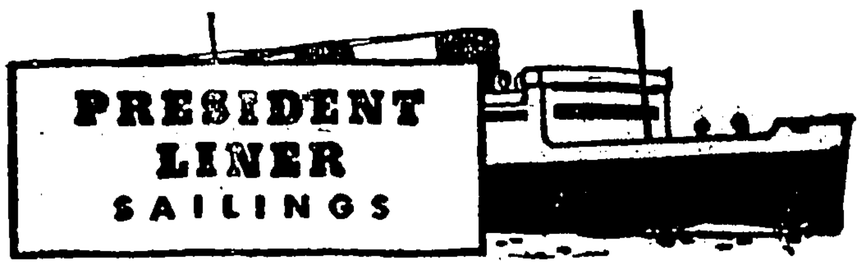

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8.03 p.m.—Liszt—"Mefisto" Waltz No. 1. Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
8.15 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—'Casse Noisette' Suite, Op. 71a. Miniature Overture—Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy—Russian Dance—Arab Dance—Chinese Dance—Dance of the Flutes—Waltz of the Flowers....Leopold Stokowsky and the Philadelphia Orch.
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The Mendoza was intercepted outside the international three-mile limit by a British auxiliary cruiser but the ship is reported to have drifted across the line and returned to Montevideo.

It was disclosed that the Mendoza is one of five French ships which have been loading in River Plate ports, the other ships being the Katiola, Formose. Campula and Aurigny.

No navicerts have been applied for and it is learned there is no question of the British blockade being lifted in their favour should they decide to sail.

It was emphasised that all ships bound for Europe which are not provided with navicerts are liable to interception and detention.

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"In this war Australian fighting men and Australian supplies of food and raw material are playing a part as invaluable as in the last war, and in addition Australian industry, enormously developed in the past twenty-five years, is now taking a full share of the strain.

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Personal contact is always of importance in cooperative action. Mr. Menzies cannot have found it easy to arrange for a long absence in view of political difficulties caused by the recent General Election.

Smuts Too?

General Smuts can hardly be spared at present from South Africa where, in addition to handling a delicate situation in the Union itself, he is directing South African forces operating against the Italians on the Kenya border.

Nevertheless his recent meeting with Mr. Eden on his visit to the troops was clearly of the greatest value and we need not despair of seeing him and other Dominion Prime Ministers in London as soon as opportunity offers and circumstances permit.—British Wireless.

SUGAR COUNCIL

The International Sugar Council met in London January 6 when delegates representing 74 of a total of one hundred votes were present.

The Council re-elected Gen. Sir Hugh Elles, chief British delegate, as Chairman, and Dr. D. H. C. Hart, head of the Netherlands delegation, as Vice-Chairman for the current quota year.

Delegates present were unanimously in favour of carrying on the International Sugar Agreement. They formally adopted various decisions reached at the informal meeting on August 23, 1940, including the decision that without creating a precedent export quotas for free market adopted for the third quota year ended August 31, 1940, would be maintained in the fourth year ending August 31, 1941, instead of reverting to the larger basic quotas, this decision being subject to review should there be a radical change in the world situation during the course of the quota year.

The decision is subject to confirmation by one delegation which is awaiting a cable from its Government.

The Council also set up a subcommittee under the chairmanship of Dr. G. H. C. Hart consisting of representatives of the Australian, Cuban, Dominician Netherlands, U.S. and U.K. delegations, to study the present and post-war general statistical position of sugar and to report to the council at its next meeting.—British Wireless.

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CRICKET NOTES

RIDE HITS MINU FOR 22 RUNS IN ONE OVER

'Varsity Coached By Rumjahn

Gallant Knock By A. J. Hulse

By "Adrem"

ALTHOUGH KOWLOON Cricket Club juniors were responsible for the most spectacular feat in Saturday's League cricket programme, Baxter and Madar putting on 211 in an unbroken first-wicket stand, most meritorious performance was University's fine victory over Indian Recreation Club in First Division.

University, in both divisions, have shown consistent improvement this season, and I cannot say that this result surprised me very much.'

While their individual keenness has had a great deal to do with their success, there is also another factor that has had much to do with it. A. H. Rumjahn, a graduate and one of the most experienced cricketers in the Colony, has put in a great deal of untiring work in an effort to raise the standard.

It is perhaps ironical that A. H. should have been a member of the side on which University served to demonstrate their improvement but I am sure, nevertheless, that he must have felt that the effort had been well worth it.

I understand that Rumjahn has spent most of his leisure moments in recent months at the University nets, where his coaching has been much anpreciated and obviously assimulated.

I.R.C. Start Well

Batting first, I.R.C. were given an excellent start and with a useful score by K. M. Rumjahn and a really dashing innings by A. R. Kitchell, who hit 10 fours and was very severe on Mahmood, whom he despatched to the leg boundary with consistency, 80 runs were on the board for the loss of three wickets at 3 o'clock. Madar, who had been content to leave the scoring to Kitchell while the latter was in, then opened up somewhat and at 3.30 I.R.C. were in a very comfortable position with the board reading 140 for 5.

On the dismissal of Minu and Nazarin, both potential fast scorers, and the advent of A. R. H. Esmail, the rate of scoring slowed down considerably and I.R.C., as the result of painfully slow scoring in the last 30 minutes, were forced to declare at 4 o'clock with only 154 on the board — a total that would have been more than sufficient last season.

On the face of it, it would seem that Madar showed little enterprise latterly but I am told that he was not really to blame as it invariably happened that he would score a single and Esmail would play out the rest of the over. Esmail tried hard but simply could not get the ball away. He was obviously not the right man to be batting at such a time

Keen 'Varsity Fielding

The University attack had not been really dangerous but keen fielding always made run-getting a difficult proposition.

That University got the runs with 10 minutes to spare was due largely to the fine batting of L. T. Ride. The H.K.C.C. batsman gave a chanceless display, defending stoutly when the occasion demanded and later hitting with great effect.

Highlight of his innings was his cavalier treatment of Interporter Minu, off whose last over he took no fewer than 22 runs.

Tsui batted stolidly and Fenton was doing very well until he was unfortunate to be run out. He hit a ball to M. el Arculli at cover and called. Ride said "no" but

Fenton persisted and Arculli threw in and hit the wicket.

K.C.C. v C.C.C.

The match between the Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, and Craigengower Cricket Club, at the Valley, was an extraordinary one in many respects.

To start with, Hulse completely dominated the scoring of the home side and scored 58 out of the 80 runs which came from the bat, while Archie Zimmern, the K.C.C. wicket-keeper, very nearly reached the half-century in the matter of extras.

Set only 126 runs to win in the best part of two hours, K.C.C., who pride themselves on their ability to score quickly, had to struggle hard for the runs and, although there was never very much doubt that they would eventually get them, there is no knowing what would have happened if their earlier batsmen had become impatient and decided to hit out, in which case, as subsequent events proved, they would most certainly have got out.

Broadbridge's Fine Catches

K.C.C. started off well as J. L. Youngsaye, off the first ball he received from F. R. Zimmern, skied a ball into the slips, where Reggie Broadbridge made no mistake with a high chance. Then Ernie Zimmern, who was looking very confident, played forward at an out-swinger from his brother and Broadbridge again distinguished himself, holding a brilliant catch about an inch off the ground.

Craigengower's troubles were still not over as Francis Zimmern produced the best ball of the match which started outside Souza's legs, swung across and hit the off-stump, giving Souza no chance whatever.

With Craigengower's total 18 for 3, Zimmern and Lee bowling well and the K.C.C. field full of confidence, it would not have surprised if Craigengower had all

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MIGHTY HITTING BY CRAIGENGOWER TAIL-END BATSMEN

By "Adrem"

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE produced some interesting cricket on Saturday, two centuries and a hat-trick being registered, the 211 partnership between Baxter and Madar, for K.C.C. against University, probably constituting a record.

The best match of the day, however, was the I.R.C.-C.C.C. fixture at Sookunpoo, where Craigengower, who are making a strong challenge for the title this season, scored an excellent win.

At one time it appeared any odds on a draw, as, at 5.30, Craigengower were still some 60 runs behind with barely 30 minutes to go. Hurricane hitting by U. M. Omar, who lifted the bowling over the sight screen at least three times, A. B. Hamson and U. H. Esmail enabled these runs to be secured five minutes before 6 o'clock.

Situation Redeemed

At one time I.R.C., who batted first, appeared likely to be all out for under 100. They had been given a good start by A. H. Ismail and A. R. Sufflad but a collapse set in and several wickets fell cheaply. A. M. Omar, who had bowled 13 overs, then took himself off and J. M. A. Rumjahn, F. A. Curreem and M. A. Wahab took heavy toll of some loose bowling by Lam.

Left-handed Esmail, however, found a length and finished off the innings in quick time.

A. M. Omar bowled very well and had all the I.R.C. batsmen in trouble, while veteran U. M. always appeared likely to take wickets but had no luck. Esmail gave a very promising display and should do even better when he acquires more experience.

C.C.C. started off promisingly, Lee, Hung and Lam all doing well, but, when Hamson went in, four wickets were down for about 80 runs with little more than half an hour to go.

Hamson took no chances at the outset but when he had played himself in he hit hard, as did U. M. Omar and Esmail, and the necessary runs were hit off in an exciting finish.

Times Differ

A discrepancy in the times of the pavilion clock and the scorers' watches, resulting in a late declaration by K.C.C., may well cost Kowloon the championship, as University held them to a draw.

Baxter and Madar, of course, made centuries but as the opposition bowling was weak and both batsmen have had considerable experience in senior cricket, this feat is not nearly as remarkable as it sounds!

University had no possible chance of getting the runs and quite justifiably made no effort but Fenton nearly proved their downfall as he took 5 for 35 and eight wickets had fallen when stumps were drawn.

N. Singh played a fine innings and did much to save the undergraduates from outright defeat.

Silva's Consistency

P. M. N. da Silva, former Recreio cricket secretary, is evidently having the time of his life in the second team, in which he plays by preference. He has rarely completely failed since he elected to go down and on Saturday he had his best match to date, batting well for 32 runs, and taking 6 for 23, to practically win the match on his own. Prata also made a few runs and left-handed F. J. Remedios hit hard, if somewhat unskilfully for 50 not out.

For the Police, Carey bowled steadily and Popo did the hat-trick but the Champions were always up against it and never looked like winning.

Steady Bowling

Backed by a keen field, Billimoria and Souza kept Anderson and Hung tied in knots and on that small ground, and notwithstanding a fair measure of boundary snicks, this pair could only put on 36 in the first three-quarters of an hour. Hung who never appeared comfortable, scored 23 of these in one of his shakiest innings for some time

Anderson was solid but, even when defending, was beaten more often than I have seen him beaten in any other innings this season but his wicket remained intact and, not until Kowloon's total was in sight of their opponents', was he bowled by Ismail. Ernie Fincher was very enterprising and scored much quicker than anyone else but he was never too certain where his shots would finish.

Craigengower did very well and have no reason to be dissatisfied. When their acknowledged batsmen settle down they will cause some upsets in the League as they have one of the best-balanced attacks in the Colony.

been out for under 50. Hulse, however, after rather a shaky opening during which he could not get the ball in the middle of the bat either in attack or defence, settled down. He gave a chance to Broadbridge in the slips but the ball was never more than a foot off the ground and it travelled fast to the left hand, and there were one or two other chance later on, but they were all difficult and no blame can be attached to the fielders for not accepting them.

A. K. Ismail deserves the utmost credit for a fine defensive innings.

Francis Zimmern bowled very well in his first spell, when he was making the ball swing across late to the off but he then became obsessed with the idea that he could bowl leg-theory and this started the wicket-keeping rot which subsequently developed into a rout!

Robbie Lee, in his brief spell, bowled as well as anybody. He made good pace off the wicket and was turning the ball a lot, while Lloyd was steady enough although most of his wickets were virtual gifts.

CRICKET CLUB SELECTIONS

The following teams will represent H.K.C.C. on Saturday at 2.00 p.m.:—

1st XI v Royal Artillery at H.K.C.C.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, T. G. C. Knight, M. F. L. Haymes, F. Baker, K. J. Attwell, N. D. Booker, T. V. N. Fortescue and A. K. Mackenzie.

2nd XI v D.B.S. at Diocesan Boys' School—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, D. S. Robb, I. P. Tamworth, W. G. Finnie, A. J. Dewar, D. O. Parsons, H. J. Armstrong, O. E. C. Marton, D. B. Evans and E. W. Pudney.

C.C.C. Teams

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.:—

1st XI v I.R.C. (home)—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, J. W. Leonard, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Youngsaye. Reserve: T. Edgar.

2nd XI v K.C.C. (away)—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way. Reserves: O. M. Omar and L. Chou.

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ROYAL ENGINEERS

Spr Tropp, l.b.w., b West	0
L/Cpl. Pelham, c Honeywell, b West	18
S/Sgt. Megson, c Wilson, b West	0
Sgt. Shipp, c and b Brown	22
Spr. Ratcliffe, c Boyes, b Horgan	13
Lieut. Holliday, l.b.w., b Brown	0
Spr. Bailey, l.b.w., b Brown	6
S/Sgt. Kenoe, l.b.w., b West	0
Sgt. Dobson, l.b.w., b West	2
Spr. Horrern, not out	0
L/Cpl. Thompson, b Brown	0
Extras (LB4)	4
Total	65

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
West	6	2	11	5
Horgan	4	0	36	1
Brown	2	0	14	4

TAMAR C.C.

West, b Shipp	38
Brown, b Tropp	2
West, b Tropp	13
Honeywell, b Holliday	1
Boyes, run out	0
Wilson, b Tropp	0
Horgan, c Kehoe, b Horren	35
Snell, c Holliday, b Shipp	1
Robinson, b Horren	10
Hopkins, not out	22
Sharp, b Tropp	8
Extras (B5, LB1)	6
Total	136

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	5.5	0	36	4
Megson	4	0	34	0
Holliday	3	0	16	1
Shipp	4	1	23	2
Horren	2	0	21	2

BADMINTON

ST. JOHN'S AND K.C.C. SCORE WINS

Four matches were played in "B" Division of the Badminton League last night, most notable results being the victories of St. John's and Kowloon Cricket Club. Following were the scores:

J.R.C. v Chung Wah

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Chung Wan by 8 games to 1.

A. R. Pollak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.).
lost to C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy ..... 9—21
lost to P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu ..... 21—23
lost to F. S. Li and S. C. Liang ..... 5—21

L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.).
lost to Chiu and Choy .... 5—21
lost to Leung and Chiu ... 16—21
lost to Li and Liang ..... 10—21

B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.).
lost to Chiu and Choy .... 5—21
lost to Leung and Chiu .... 12—21
beat Li and Liang ..... 21— 9

K. Tong v St. John's

Playing at home, Kowloon Tong lost to St. John's by 6 games to 3.

Peter Lo and Joe Tsang (Kowloon Tong).
lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson ..... 18—21
beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd ..... 21— 9
lost to H. Eardley and D. Kwok ..... 4—21

J. A. Chen and N. A. E. Mackay (Kowloon Tong).
lost to Smith and Wilson .. 8—21
beat Maynard and Ladd .. 21— 8
lost to Eardley and Kwok . 3—21

R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong).
lost to Smith and Wilson .. 18—21
beat Maynard and Ladd .. 21— 7
lost to Eardley and Kwok .. 3—21

Recreio v V.R.C.

At King's Park Recreio beat Victoria Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2.

P. P. Botelho and K. A. Yvanovich Jr. (Recreio).
lost to D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn ..... 22—24
beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares ..... 21—13
beat F. Castro and A. A. Remedios ..... 21—13

E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio).
beat Xavier and Rumjahn .. 21—16
beat Basto and Soares .... 21—3
beat Castro and Remedios .. 21— 8

A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio).
lost to Xavier and Rumjahn ..... 18—21
beat Basto and Soares .... 21—11
beat Castro and Remedios .. 21—17

CHINESE TEAM FOR LAI WAH CUP SOCCER

The following have been selected to represent Chinese against the Army in the Lai Wah Cup at Causeway Bay ground on Monday, Jan. 27, at 3.30 p.m.:

Cheung Wing-choi (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China), Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Lau Hing-choi (South China), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Hsu King-sing (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern), Fung King-cheong (Sin Tao), V. K. Hyul (Eastern), Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: — Lee Kwok-kee (Kwong Wah), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao), Tse Kam-hung (South China), Kwok Ying-ki (Sing Tao), Wong King-chung (Kwong Wah), C. T. Tsao (Eastern), Chan Tak-fai (South China), Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah).

K.C.C. WIN

At St. Andrew's, the home team lost to Kowloon Cricket Club by 5 games to 4.

IMPRESSIVE INNINGS BY DOUGLASS

By "Adrem"

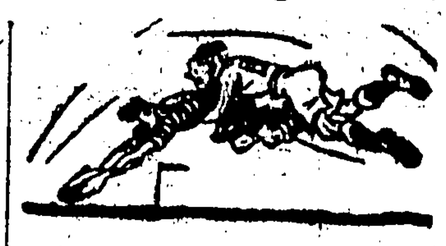
A Hong Kong Cricket Club "A" team were surprised by the Royal Scots in a friendly cricket match at Chater Road on Saturday, Douglass Coombes and Emmerson batting well and easily securing the 150 runs set them.

Perry and Bishop made runs for Cricket Club and a declaration was made at 150 for 8. Bateman taking six of the wickets that fell for only 41.

Scots lost Godley and Alsey early but Douglass and Coombes became associated and scored freely. Douglass's innings was really first-class and it is a great pity that this officer does not play more often, but Coombes, although effective, was at times rather crude. Most of his runs came from straight drives and hooks and he revealed a very keen eye and strong wrists in playing some of his shots.

The Club bowling was not good and fast-bowler Dewar came in for a good deal of punishment from both Coombes and Douglass.

Match between Civil Service and an Army-cum-R.A.F. team did not produce a very high standard of batting and only 98 runs were scored in the course of the afternoon. Best bowling performances were Hawkins' 5 for 13, Stone's 3 for 15 and College's 3 for 0, while Denyer was highest scorer of the match with 18!



RUGGER INTERPORT

It is evident that Shanghai, up to last week, were living in hopes of there being a Rugger Interport.

Here is an extract from the "N.C.D. News" dated a few days ago:—

"It was learned last night from an authoritative source that all lingering hopes for an Interport Rugger match with the Colony this season have finally been dispelled as the fixture is now definitely shelved . . . . . for this year, at any rate."

ABYSSINIAN REVOLT

Warriors Rallying To Haile Selassie's Standard

Colossal British Needs

Britain will need £755,000,000 to pay for purchases in the United States from January 1, 1941, to January 1, 1942.

This statement was made in Washington yesterday to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Morgenthau added that of this amount, £366,000,000 would be in excess of British funds available for buying in the United States.

Mr Morgenthau was testifying in support of President Roosevelt's Lease-And-Lend Bill.

He presented a memorandum showing that Britain's total dollar exchange assets in the United States were £443,000,000

Mr Morgenthau stated that £218,000,000 worth of Britain's dollar exchange assets were listed as liquid and replied in the affirmative to a question whether the figures he had given related only to actual orders.

He added: "This financial picture means the British can pay cash for what they have already bought but when it comes to finding dollars for anything like what they need they just haven't got it".—Reuter.

N.T. ARREST

Sergeant Hewitt of the Shataukok Police Station, accompanied by Indian Constables and two Chinese detectives, chased and arrested four alleged robbers yesterday afternoon in the New Territories.

Bands Unite Against Italy

THE REVOLT THAT HAS SMOULDERED IN ABYSSINIA EVER SINCE THE ITALIAN CONQUEST FIVE YEARS AGO IS BURSTING INTO FLAMES, AND PATRIOTIC WARRIORS, ENCOURAGED BY NEWS THAT EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE IS ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY ACROSS THE FRONTIER, ARE RALLYING TO HIS STANDARD IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Small independent bands, which hitherto have harried Italy's isolated garrisons, are beginning to unite against the common enemy. They are being supplied with arms and equipment, for which grateful messages have been received in Khartoum.

News reaching Khartoum suggests the movement has been greatly stimulated by the Emperor's recent proclamation announcing his determination to lead the patriot army in person.

Leaflets containing the proclamation are being scattered wholesale by the R.A.F.

Resistance so far has centred in the Gojjam district, near Lake Tana, in north-west Abyssinia, where the Italians long have been restricted to fortified positions.

Lake Tana Rising

Now the Gallas of the south have asked the Gojjam leador to send an envoy to organise resistance to the Italians in their district.

Several chiefs in the sector east of Lake Tana (which is some 200 miles north-west of Addis Ababa) are also reported to be up in arms against the Italians.

Even the Negro element, ruled by descendants of former kings, are fighting for the Emperor.

The revolt is being greatly assisted by the failure of the Italians, in the face of sporadic resistance by the inhabitants, to establish their authority outside the main centres.

In large tracts of country the administration has had to be left to the Abyssinians. — Reuter.

TRIBESMEN SNIPE IN TOWNS

An official report from Khartoum gives some idea of the difficulties the Italians are experiencing in Abyssinia.

While British patrols constantly harass them on the frontier, thousands of Abyssinian tribesmen are raiding isolated outposts, attacking convoys and even sniping at Italians in the towns with rifles and ammunition supplied by the British.

Over a large area, the Italians have absolutely no authority and their control is chiefly confined to towns and the main roads and even this is not always the case.

The R.A.F. raids are a great encouragement to the tribesmen, particularly in helping them to persuade those of their countrymen enlisted in the Italian forces to desert.—Reuter.

MOSCOW LOOKS AT AFRICA

The serious plight of the Italian troops in Africa is the subject of a long article in the Moscow paper "Trud"—organ of the Soviet Trade Unions.

"On the basis of the British figures," the journal estimates that the British Army in Libya now has a superiority of two to one over the Italians.

"Judging by developments," it adds, "the British, with 100,000 men in the Sudan and a similar number in Kenya, intend to expand their activities in East Africa.

These developments are of the greatest importance in the African theatre of war and the desire of the British to clean up the war in Africa in order to concentrate all their efforts in the decisive European theatre."—Reuter.

SUPPLIES REACH GERMANY THROUGH VLADIVOSTOK

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of merchant ships to carry produce from the Americas to Vladivostock.

Careful Watch

The Ministry of Economic Warfare is known to be watching carefully developments along these lines and it may be assumed that the particular aspect of the problem regarding which the American publicist has been warning his countrymen will not be overlooked in consultations between British representatives at Washington and the U.S. authorities.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare has always made clear that its policy is to take counter-steps whenever necessary to forestall any major leak in the Contraband Control.—British Wireless.

BRITISH MESSAGE TO POLAND

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, declared open the employment office for Polish nationals in London yesterday.

Present at the ceremony were General Sikorski, Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Republic, and M. Stanczyk, Polish Minister of Labour and Social Welfare.

In a speech Mr. Bevin said: "The defence of Warsaw will represent an epic story in history.

"To-day we welcome into industrial ranks and into the field of production your scientists, your engineers, your skill, your labour and your sailors, knowing only too well they will make their contribution to production so as to add to the common pool equipment for our common forces who are engaged in the united task of ridding the world of this pest of aggression.

"We send our greetings to our oppressed comrades in Poland today and desire them to know and feel that if their resistance was broken by overwhelming force we nonetheless prize that resistance.

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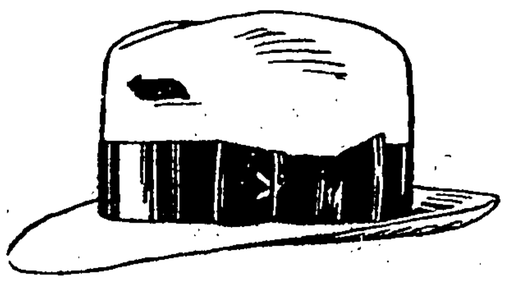

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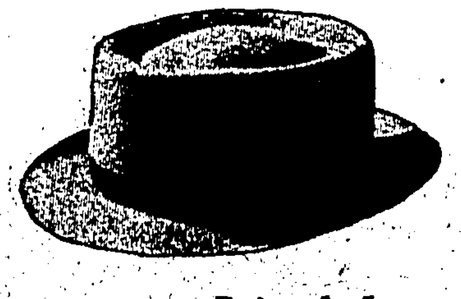

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R.A.F. REDUCES U-BOAT MENACE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE ADMIRALTY spokesman's comment on the relation between recent light British shipping losses and bombing raids on enemy submarine bases has opened up an interesting field of speculation.

These raids undoubtedly have been severe and their continuation is sufficient evidence of a valuable contribution towards countering the U-boat menace, particularly in the Atlantic.

Damage and disorganisation at Lorient and Brest, from which many U-boats operate against Atlantic convoys, and at the main U-boat home base at Bremen, is now believed to be high.

Several telling blows have also been made against bases of long-distance bombers operating against British and Allied shipping, notably the aerodrome of Merignac, near Bordeaux.

Both air and naval observers, however, resist the temptation to attribute to this counter air action against U-boat and bomber—as to the defensive measures also being taken by sea and air—too great a significance as yet.

Weather's Part

The measure of their success rests on being able to keep down shipping losses for a longer period than the past four weeks.

During the month bad weather probably had the most influence on the extent of surface shelling and torpedo attacks enemy submarines were able to carry out.

It similarly influenced the extent of operations of enemy minelaying, reconnaissance and bombing aircraft.

At the same time, however, the first fruits of the recently announced decision that the operational policy of the R.A.F. Coastal Command shall be determined by the Admiralty are being seen.

Convoy Patrol

The Admiralty are now able to get more aircraft out on convoy patrol, submarine construction and other counter-blockade duties.

In the meantime the expansion of the Coastal Command is being pushed ahead, assisted by the quickest possible delivery of Lockheed bombers and Consolidated flyingboats, which are being flown across the Atlantic.

American aid has a parallel in the Navy, where the American destroyers are doubtless a factor in permitting an increase of British escort flotillas.

Cooperation between the Navy and other Commands of the R.A.F. is close. This is shown by the frequent Bomber Command raids on U-boat and long-distance bomber bases.—Reuter.

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COLONY'S HUGE WAR BUDGET

Income Tax Issue May Be Revived In Near Future

New Duties And Taxes: Big Deficit: Record Figures

AN ENORMOUS BUDGET, AN EXPENDITURE OF $62,389,776, INCLUDING $12,300,276 FOR SPECIAL WAR EXPENDITURE, AND AN ESTIMATED REVENUE OF $45,536,000 FROM ORDINARY SOURCES AND $9,300,000 FROM SPECIAL WAR TAXATION, WAS ANNOUNCED IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON WHEN THE HON. MR. H. R. BUTTTERS, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION ON THE DRAFT ESTIMATES.

The Budget, therefore, envisages a deficit of $7,553,776, part of which is to be met by increases in various forms of taxation and an increase of one per cent. on the rates.

Liquors of all kinds are to pay heavier duty as outlined elsewhere, but the most striking announcement of the Financial Secretary indicated that Government intends to reconstitute the War Taxation Committee, to go once again into the question of Income Tax for Hong Kong.

Introducing the resolution, the Financial Secretary first summarised the financial position. "We closed the year 1939 and entered the year 1940 with a general reserve balance of $17,091,170, a handsome sum, but largely a nominal one. Most of the money had already been expended as advances in anticipation of loans. It was to improve the liquid position that Government in June last floated the second tranche of the 1934 Dollar Loan of which Government itself took up $5,790,000 and obtained cash to the extent of $5,640,000. That reserve of $17,000,000, it is hoped, will not be appreciably diminished at the end of the current 15 months; in fact the memorandum, perhaps a little optimistically, anticipates a small increase.

"But it must be remembered that of the 17 million dollars with which we hope to commence the next financial year the $5,790,000 already referred to has only a paper existence and represents an accounting expedient to meet past expenditure from future revenue, while by the end of next year a total of over 4 million dollars will have been advanced in anticipation of a future loan. The real reserve is, therefore, considerably short of the desiderated 10 million dollars, which sum is based on past figures of revenue and expenditure and is inadequate in present circumstances, being less than 2 months contemplated expenditure for next year. I have dealt with this matter of reserves at the outset to anticipate, and I hope prevent, any suggestion that we have an adequate hump on which we can draw, if necessary, to meet any deficit in respect of next year. We have, in fact, a nominal reserve of 17 million dollars, a real reserve of about 7 million and a public debt of 27 million.

War Expenditure

"I will now refer to the current 15 months. The estimate of ordinary revenue approximated to that of ordinary expenditure, while the proposed separate war budget gave place to a new head entitled War Expenditure.

Income Tax, which it was originally proposed to introduce to provide the necessary additional war revenue, was estimated to bring in annually 10 million dollars. The war taxation which was substituted for it was expected to bring in 6 million dollars. The

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NO CHANGE IN PETROL DUTY

THERE IS TO BE NO INCREASE IN THE PETROL DUTY IN HONG KONG, AT LEAST NOT YET.

This morning an increase on heavy oils (which has already come into force) was announced. The increase, of 10 cents per gallon, brings the duty to 40 cents per gallon.

The duty on petrol and other light oils remains unchanged at 80 cents per gallon.

400 MPH FIGHTER FOR U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was disclosed in Washington yesterday that the United States may shortly attain air speed supremacy with large-scale production of a fighting 'plane capable of a 400 miles an hour speed.

A survey of the military aircraft of the principal powers shows the Vought-Sikorsky pursuit 'plane to be used by the U.S. Fleet as the fastest fighter developed.

The survey, conducted by the Aviation Writers' Association, also said that "reliable engineering" authorities predicted that 'plane speeds in the next three or four years will not exceed 450 miles an hour. — International News Service.

RUSHING U.S. MAMMOTH NAVY PROGRAMME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, stated in Washington yesterday that already American shipyards were being put onto a three-shift 24-hour working basis to speed up the mammoth naval construction plan.

HIGHER DUTY ON LIQUORS COMES INTO FORCE

CONSIDERABLE increases in the duties on liquors and the introduction of a duty on table waters came into force this morning under section 2 of the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927, and will be introduced in Legislative Council this afternoon.

Liqueurs, champagne, brandy, gin, whisky, wines and beer all come in for extra duties.

The duty on locally-manufactured concentrated beer, which was reduced last August from 80 to 60 cents a gallon, is now raised by 30 cents to 90 cents a gallon, Empire beers will pay 40 cents a gallon more duty and the duty on beers of other origin is raised by 60 cents a gallon.

The effect of this is that Hong Kong Beer will pay 90 cents a gallon duty, as against $1.60 for Shanghai, American and other foreign brews, and $1.20 for English, Australian, Singapore or Canadian beer.

The duty on other beer, except cider and perry, is also raised, local beers to 80 cents per gallon, Empire beers to $1.20 per gallon and foreign beers to $1.60 per gallon.

Gin And Whisky

Empire gin and whisky duties are raised by $3.50 a gallon and foreign gin and whisky by $4 a gallon.

This means that the former will now pay a duty of $16 a gallon and the latter $24 a gallon.

Brandy-drinkers are hardest hit, the new duty being increased by $9.75 per gallon to $16 per gallon for Empire brandies and by $4 to $24 per gallon for brandies of other origin.

The duty on liqueurs, champagne and other sparkling wines is increased by $1.75 to $18 per gallon if of Empire origin, while the duty on liqueurs of other origin remains unchanged at $26 per gallon.

Port, sherry and madeira also pay heavier duties, the rate being increased by $2.50 to $10 for Empire wines and by $3 to $15 for those of other origin.

The duty on other still wines is raised by $1.75 to $8 for those of Empire origin, and by $2 to $12 for those of other origin.

Duty on Table Waters

Table waters, on which duty will be paid for the first time in Hong Kong, include any aerated waters and any beverages sold or kept for sale in bottles, other than syrups or other liquids intended to be consumed only in a diluted form.

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GANDHI'S MANOEUVRE

J. A. Spender On Congress Non-Violence Policy

No Need For Alarm In India

J. A. SPENDER, writing in the London "Times" yesterday, says: "I have long been a subscriber to Mr. Gandhi's periodical 'Harijan,' the latest number of which has just reached me, with an intimation that it is to be the last for the present.

"Gandhi explains that having been advised it ought to be submitted to the censor he has decided to suspend it rather than make this submission or expose himself and others to prosecution by not making it.

"His writings in this periodical have thrown so much light on the present situation in India that I will ask your leave to add a general impression of them to what other correspondents have written to you recently about our Indian policy.

"At the beginning of last summer he (Mr. Gandhi) seemed to be entertaining an idea of obtaining political advantages for India by her participation in the war, and this was then supposed to be the policy of Congress.

"India, so far as Congress could decide the matter, was to participate on condition that she received concessions variously defined as "complete independence" or "Dominion status," either immediately or in the near future.

"On this basis the Viceroy and Government of India proceeded to explore the ground and issued a proclamation which they hoped would, even if it were not immediately acceptable pave the way for further negotiations.

New Gandhi Stand

"But while the debate on this matter was going forward Mr. Gandhi was taking up new ground and he now made it known that he had come to the conclusion that any participation whatever by India in the war was contrary to his principle of "non-violence" and must be barred in the forum of the conscience.

"The development of this and the mystification it caused to his supporters may be traced week by week in the files of 'Harijan.'

"He has invited all objectors to state their views and has answered them with unfailing patience and good humour.

"The charge of inconsistency leaves him quite unconcerned. He frankly confesses that he took the wrong road about this or was mistaken about that but is passionately convinced that he is right now.

"Moral Miracle"

"Week by week he has enlarged his idea until he sees India doing a service to all the world by furnishing an example of the virtue and value of non-violence.

"He protests that he dislikes Nazism and Fascism quite as much as we do and that he desires to cause us the minimum of embarrassment but that in seeking to raise conscientious objection from the idiosyncracy of a few thousand individuals to the creed of a whole nation he is doing a service to all humanity and to us too eventually.

"He sincerel believed that the Dictators would quail before this manifestation but if they did not and the way were ope to them to invade India, he thinks they would be helpless before this moral miracle.

"I have found it profoundly interesting to trace his development of this doctrine week by week and have felt a very real respect for the unflinching courage with which he follows where his argument leads him.

Followers Perplexed

"But, at the end of it all, he leaves us in a position in which there is no possible reconciliation with him short of adopting his views, going out of the war and promising to eschew violence in futura dealings with our enemy.

"Anything less would, from Mr. Gandhi's point of view, be participation in sin.

"Where Mr. Gandhi leads Congress follows.

"It is evident from the columns devoted debates between him and members of his Party, that many of them are greatly perplexed both by his doctrine and by his explanations of it. To suppose that any large number of them are in any real sense conscientious objectors would, I am sure, be a mistake.

"But the relations of Mr. Gandhi to Congress much more resemble those of a Dictator to his 'Party' than those of an ordinary political leader to his supporters. He, like Hitler and Mussolini, is 'always right' and when he speaks he must be obeyed.

Government Of Blimps

"We must take it for the present that non-violence is the policy of Congress. But if so, the critics of our Indian policy may fairly be asked not to persist in the statement that the aspirations of India are being blocked by a Government of Colonel Blimps and Imperialist Die-Hards.

"This is the substance of German propaganda, especially in America, where Gandhism appeals to a generous and widely spread but uninformed opinion.

"For he not only, holds these opinions, as he is entitled to do, but has instructed an important group of his followers to go out and preach them — to denounce the war and discourage recruiting, with the consequence which he anticipates and invites, that they will be arrested and sentenced to imprisonment.

"No Government at war can be expected to tolerate this, but the judge or magistrate who has to deal with these cases immediately finds himself in a dilemma. If he gives long sentences he will be denounced for harshness, if he gives short ones the offenders will repeat their offences as soon as they are out of prison and have to be imprisoned again, which may seem even harsher.

No Need For Alarm

"I suggest that the Government of India must be left to use its own discretion in deciding what it is wise to do. There is no need for alarm. India — British India as well as the India of the Princes — is making a handsome contribution to the war, both in men and materials and she will yet give us more of both.

"Nor need we be at all discouraged in seeking a solution of new political problems by any of the political manoeuvres or catchcries of the moment.

"'Complete independence' sounds formidable but again and again I have had it explained to me by Indian politicians that if they can be free agents only for a week, their self-respect will be restored and they will immediately make a treaty with us, giving us all that we desire. The Egyptian model is in their minds.

Root Of The Matter

"So far as political Indians are concerned the root of the trouble is that they feel their self-respect to have been wounded when they were taken into the war without their consent being asked. This is the root of the matter.

"The war will, I believe, show them, as it will show others in the same position, the necessity of a partnership with a strong power but we must then, more than ever, persist in the endeavour to make it a real partnership in which they will have the sense of working on a basis of equality, controlling their own fate." — Reuter.

DETECTIVE SHOT DEAD IN N.T.

A Chinese member of the Hong Kong Police Force, Police Detective Ip Hung (No. C519) was shot dead last night in the New Territories.

A friend of the detective, Liu Kan, who was accompanying him, was wounded seriously and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

They were walking together in Kut Hing Street in Tai-O District at about 8.30 p.m. when they saw two suspicous characters. Ordered to halt for a search, one of the men produced a revolver and fired at the detective.

Liu Kan grappled with the assailant and was wounded. Both men escaped.

FRENCH REPLY TO VICHY ADMIRAL

But for pressure exerted by the Vichy Government the whole French Empire, in addition to the colonies, would have flocked to the banner of General de Gaulle, declared Professor Rene Cassin, former President of the French Ex-Servicemen's Association, speaking in London yesterday.

Professor Cassin was replying to the assertion of Admiral Platon, Vichy's Colonial Secretary, that Great Britain intended to grasp whatever she could of the French Empire. — Reuter.

NEW P.A.A. ROUTE IN ATLANTIC

PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS ARE PREPARING TO OPEN A NEW WESTBOUND TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE FROM LISBON TO NEW YORK, VIA PORTUGUESE GUINEA & TRINIDAD, IMMEDIATELY THE UNITED STATES CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY GRANTS PAN-AMERICA'S APPLICATION TO USE THAT ROUTE, REUTER LEARNED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY FROM A PAN-AMERICAN SPOKESMAN.

The first survey flight will possibly be made this month by the Yankee Clipper which has been specially rebuilt for the new route, which is nearly twice the distance of the Lisbon-Bermuda-New York direct service, but avoids the prevailing headwinds and gives the pilots better wintertime flying weather.

It also enables the Clippers to maintain better schedules and carry bigger loads.

Two other Clippers are being overhauled and will be used to maintain two weekly wintertime trips.—Reuter.

QUISLING STORM TROOPS RESISTED

WIDESPREAD RESISTANCE is being offered to the New Order the Germans are trying to impose on Norway, according to reports reaching the Norwegian Telegraphic Agency in London yesterday.

The tyranny of Quisling Storm Troopers has aroused the civilian population and disturbances have occurred. Several people were injured in fighting in Drammen where German Storm Troopers ill-treated people arrested in street fighting. People in the streets were attacked and reprisals followed.

Four Storm Troopers about to be thrown into the river were rescued by the Germans and a Storm Troop Leader mobbed.

Following the disturbances a curfew was imposed in Stavanger.

Arrests are reported from many parts, including well-known people at Bergen. New prisoners continually arrive at the Ulven concentration camp nearby.

Meet Tyranny By Force

An appeal to meet tyranny by force has been secretly circulated in eastern Norway. Unrest has increased by the German filching of the country's food stocks which are rapidly dwindling.

Plain clothes police have been organised in Oslo to deal with hostile posters and spies to tap telephones.

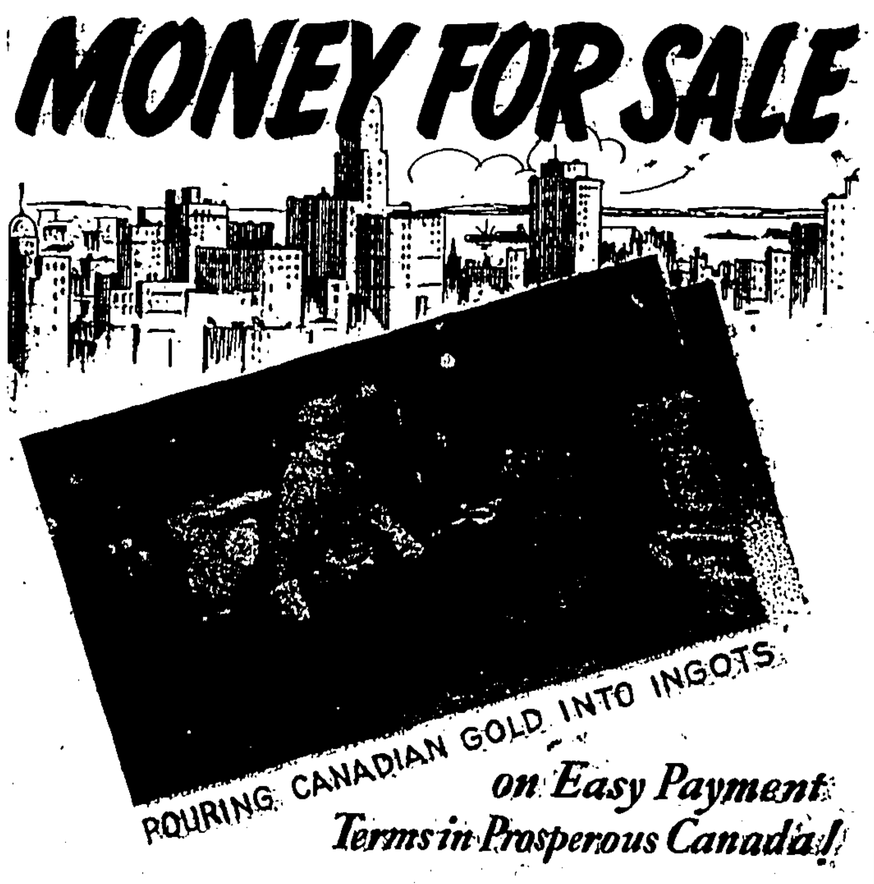
The Agency reports increased hostility between Quislingites and the Germans whose high officials regard Quisling and his friends with contempt and ignore so-called Ministers.

"Rats" Within

It is suggested that the Germans' attitude may be deliberate to win anti-Quisling elements, but anti-German feeling was never stronger.

Disagreement is also reported among Quislingites, some "Ministers" and party officials resenting the German conduct and some party members have resigned.

The "Hirdmannen", the Storm Troopers' journal, complains of "rats" trying to destroy the movement from within.—Reuter.



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Cordell Hull's Strong Condemnation Of Japan

Plain Speaking On 'New Order' In Pacific

"THE PROPOSED SO-CALLED NEW ORDER IN THE PACIFIC MEANS DOMINATION BY ONE COUNTRY TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE INTERESTS OF OTHER NATIONS."

So declared Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, who was the first witness to testify before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives when it began examination of the "Lend And Lease" Bill to Aid Britain yesterday.

Such a programme for the subjugation and exploitation of so many people by one nation was of great concern to the entire world, Mr. Hull continued; nevertheless the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interest would be in friendly relations with the United States.

Mr. Hull also declared that the "control of the sea by law-abiding nations is the key to the security of the Western Hemisphere."

Mr. Cordell Hull described the Bill as one which would enable the United States to allocate its resources "in the ways best calculated to provide for the security of this nation and this Continent.

"It will do all these things in the speediest possible manner," he added, "and overwhelmingly, speed is our greatest need today."

Plain Speaking

In a comprehensive survey of the international situation, Mr. Hull declared that Germany, Japan and Italy have made abundantly clear their determination "to repudiate and destroy the very foundations of civilised world order under law and enter upon the road of armed conquest, of the subjugation of other nations and of tyrannical rule over their victims."

Emphasising the importance of control of the high seas, Mr. Hull said that should the members of the Tripartite Pact gain that control, "the danger to our country, great as it is to-day would be multiplied many-fold."

"Were Britain defeated, were she to lose command of the seas, Germany could easily cross the Atlantic, particularly the South Atlantic, unless we were ready and able to do what Britain is doing now.

Strike First

"Were the Atlantic to fall under German control, the Atlantic would offer little or no assurance of security."

Mr. Cordell Hull urged the importance of giving the maximum material assistance to Britain and other countries fighting the Axis

Replying to questions, such as whether the repairing of belligerent vessels in United States ports would be in violation of international law, Mr. Hull said: "The question is whether, in the face of a universally recognised movement to invade and conquer, peaceful nations shall wait until the invader crosses their boundary lines, or whether they shall recognise that this is a world movement of conquest and invoke the law of selfdefence before it is too late."

In the course of his testimony, Mr. Hull made one of the strongest condemnations of Japanese expansionist policy yet uttered by a member of the Roosevelt Administration. — Reuter.

A.A. DEFENCES OF FLEET TO BE STRENGTHENED

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday unanimously recommended legislation to authorise the strengthening of anti-aircraft defence of the United States Fleet at a cost of $300,000,000.

This would include the installations on board larger warships of the new type of five-inch pom-pom gun to combat dive-bombers.—Reuter.

PANACEA TO INDIA

THE SPIRIT OF COMRADESHIP, EXEMPLIFIED BY THE CONDUCT OF THE INDIAN TROOPS IN THE WESTERN DESERT, WAS HELD OUT AS A PANACEA TO INDIA BY SIR SIKANDER HYAT KHAN IN A BROADCAST FROM NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

He added: "My advice to India is to forget politics and concentrate on winning the war, as our men are doing, and in six months our political problems will have solved themselves."

Sir Sikandar gave Army Headquarters his impression of the Imperial and Indian troops now fighting in Africa.

He said: "Despite inferior numbers we are on top in both the Western Desert and the Sudan."

He revealed that Indian casualties were only 28 killed and 78 wounded. He declared that he was deeply impressed by the Indian troops during his visits to Egypt and the Sudan, especially by their extreme physical fitness and cheerfulness and by the evidence of the wholesome fear that the fighting qualities of the Imperial troops had induced in the enemy.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVITY

There was a pronounced resumption of interest in industrials on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Activity increased over a wide area and substantial gains were numerous. Tea shares were firm but the shortage of a floating supply of shares restricted the turn-over. Home rails went ahead while Kaffirs were supported by local operators. Gilt-edged, after a brisk demand, saw interest slacken but the early advances generally were maintained. Wall Street was very dull.—Reuter.

BOILING IT DOWN

THE SWEDISH NEWSPAPER "GOTHENBURG HANDELSTIDNING" YESTERDAY SAID THAT IN THE GERMAN PRESS "ONE MISSES THE USUAL JUBILATION OVER A GREAT RUSSO-GERMAN DIPLOMATIC VICTORY.

"Boiled down, Germany sought in the form of the agreement to stimulate Russia to increase the effort to satisfy German wishes. The agreement is based not on production and transport possibilities.

"The new ceremoniously-produced agreement is mostly a demonstration by which it was tried to put aside certain causes of friction."—Reuter.

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MILITARY REGIME THREAT AGAINST THE CZECHS

THE SPIRIT OF CZECH independence has exasperated the temper of Baron von Neurath, Nazi "Protector of Bohemia and Moravia," while the latest reports from Norway show that the Norwegians are also making things awkward for their temporary overlords.

Reliable reports reaching London say that von Neurath has decided that it is impossible to trust a single Czech.

He summoned German officers and civil servants to his residence in Prague and told them that he would not hesitate to set up a military dictatorship if necessary, "because the spirit of Czech resistance must be broken."

He first showed signs of his temper by a signed article which he had published in all Czech newspapers in which he complained bitterly of the "lack of sympathy for the German New Order."

Other articles in the Nazi-controlled Prague press attack the Czech Legion which, they say, must be disbanded.

Curfew In Norway

New measures, including curfew, have been put into effect by the Nazis in Norway.

The Stockholm correspondent of the Independent French News Agency reports that residents of Stavanger, Bergen, Haugesund, and Aalesund must be indoors by 8 p.m.

All public meetings are forbidden and certain quarters have had to be set aside for German troops because of incidents.

A number of arrests have followed the damaging of German property, and some reports state that the Nazis have had to send reinforcements to maintain order in Norway.

A three-months campaign only persuaded 600 Norwegian workers to go to Germany, and the Norwegian newspaper "Tidens Tegn" says that it was originally planned to send 5,000 workers "but some towns did not even send one man!"

Difficulties of communication between Oslo and Western Norway makes the control of public opinion difficult and every day the Nazi-controlled press storms against the "enemies of the New Order," saboteurs and those who "refuse to believe in a German victory." — Reuter.

GERMANS IN SICILY

There is no confirmation in authoritative quarters in London of reports that Sicily has practically been taken over by the Germans, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

These reports emanate chiefly from American sources and are probably based on the presence of German airmen and ground teams at some Sicilian aerodromes.

Indeed, the claim of the British Air Ministry to have destroyed nine Junkers during the raid on Catania indicates that the British have definite information that German airmen helping Italy are based upon Sicily.

Participation of German airmen in the attack on a British convoy in Sicilian waters on January 10 also confirms this belief.—Reuter.

MIDLANDS GETTING IT AGAIN

There was little enemy activity over the British Isles during daylight yesterday.

Bombs were dropped in the West of Scotland and in one district in Kent, but there was little damage and no casualties are reported.

Up to a late hour last evening there had been no alert in the London area, but enemy 'planes were believed to be in the vicinity of Liverpool and attacking towns in the east and west Midlands and in East Anglia.—Reuter.

Disobeys Orders, Gets M.M.

An ack-ack gunner who disobeyed orders and was later summoned before a Court of Enquiry has been given the Military Medal.

Gunner Bennett was in charge of an anti-aircraft gun when an enemy 'plane flew within easy range.

Regulations forbade him to open fire unless he received such an order from a superior officer.

But the temptation was just a little too great for Bennett, who told his comrades he could not let the chance go by.

He opened fire, and the raided was brought crashing down.

A Court of Enquiry was called to consider what punishment should be inflicted.

When the full facts were laid before the G.O.C., however, he decided that there should be no punishment — and that Gunner Bennett should be awarded the M.M.!—Reuter.

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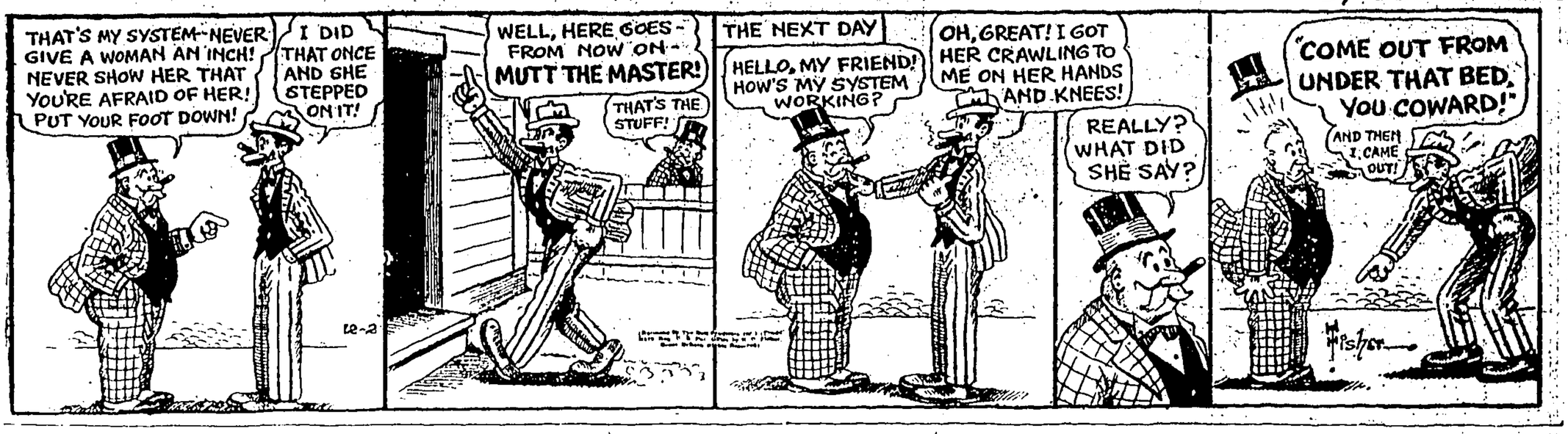


Colossal British Needs

Britain will need £755,-000,000 to pay for purchases in the United States from January 1, 1941, to January 1, 1942.

This statement was made in Washington yesterday to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Morgenthau added that, of this amount, £366,000,000 would be in excess of British funds available for buying in the United States.

Mr. Morgenthau was testifying in support of President Roosevelt's Lease-And-Lend Bill.

He presented a memorandum showing that Britain's total dollar exchange assets in the United States were £443,000,000.

Mr. Morgenthau stated that £218,000,000 worth of Britain's dollar exchange assets were listed as liquid and replied in the affirmative to a question whether the figures he had given related only to actual orders.

He added: "This financial picture means the British can pay cash for what they have already bought but when it comes to finding dollars for anything like what they need they just haven't got it".—Reuter.

CEYLON'S FIGHTERS

READERS OF THE "TIMES OF CEYLON" HAVE SO FAR GIVEN £67,500 TO BRITAIN FOR THE PURCHASE OF 'PLANES — ENOUGH TO BUY NINE FIGHTERS.

The latest contribution is £7,500 and donations for a tenth 'plane are pouring in.

Readers of this paper have also given another £2,500 to the Lord Mayor's air raid distress fund.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday expressed his warm appreciation of a gift from British, Indian and other residents of Bahrein Island, in the Persian Gulf, of £628.—Reuter.

SOLD DAIRY FARM BOTTLES

Caught in the act of selling empty milk bottles belonging to the Dairy Farm yesterday, Yuen Wang, 45, delivery coolie employed by the Dairy Farm, was fined $20, or one month's hard labour, by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning for stealing 38 milk bottles.

WASHINGTON READY FOR INAUGURAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rear-Admiral McIntire stated in Washington yesterday that President Roosevelt will ride down Pennsylvania Avenue on Monday "in fine shape" for his inauguration.

"In recent years, particularly the last 12 months, he has been pushed pretty hard but the President has truly amazing comeback powers. The terrific strain from his office may get him down occasionally but all he needs is a couple of days rest at Hyde Park or Warm Springs and he bounces right back."

Meanwhile Washington is witnessing a frenzy of street decorating for the history-making third term inaugural.

Thirty Governors have already signified their intention to attend the ceremonies, and Mr. William Knudsen, the defence chief, will take advantage of their assemblage to get them together for a serious discussion of State contributions to the defence programme.

The celebration formally begins on Sunday night with an inaugural programme at Constitution Hall. Appearing will be radio, stage and screen stars and the National Symphony Orchestra. — International News Service.

PROMOTION FOR SIR ANDREW

Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, has been promoted from Vice-Admiral (Acting Admiral) to the rank of Admiral, dating from January 3.

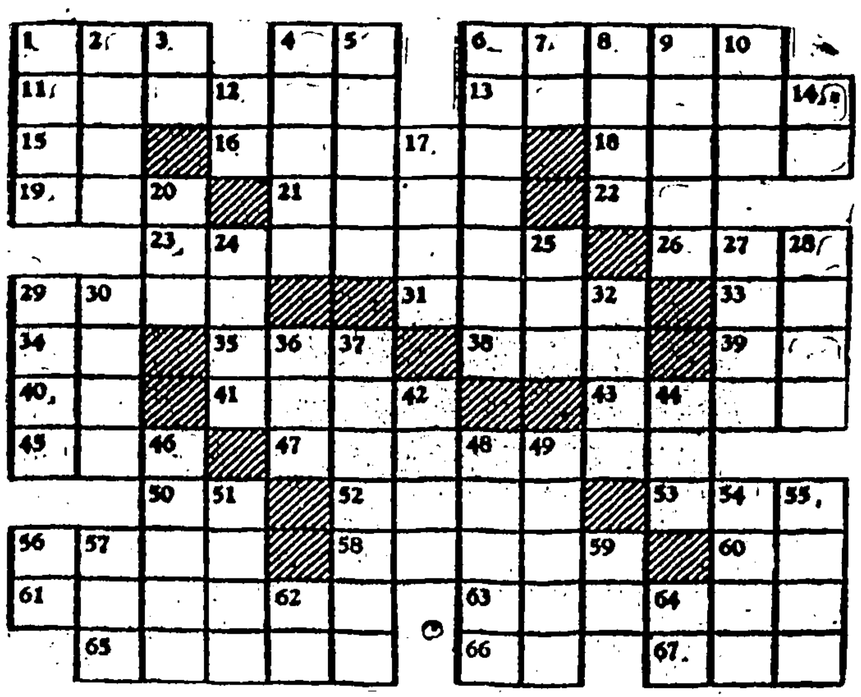
Under him the Fleet has played a brilliant part in helping route the Italians along the North African coast and in various highly successful naval engagements in the Mediterranean.

Vice-Admiral Sir Max Horton is also promoted Admiral.

He was a submarine hero of the last war and as commander of a submarine sank a cruiser, three destroyers and two transports. His promotion dates from January 9. — Reuter.

Chan Kim, of No. 408, Lockhart Road, has reported the theft of a tricycle, valued at $80, from outside the Central Market yesterday afternoon.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

1 Japanese sash
4 Mulberry
6 River in Tibet
11 To hang loosely
13 Sounds
15 Siberian river
16 Moved with effort
18 City in Nevada
19 Cereal grass
21 Roof edge
22 Teutonic deity
23 One-eighth of a mile
26 Cutting tool
29 Vertical timber on a ship
31 Eskimo settlement
33 To leave
34 Preposition
35 High mountain
38 Resort
39 Conjunction
40 Ivy
41 Cowl
43 Fit of anger
45 Peak
47 Member of a company of actors
50 Babylonian deity
52 To narrate
53 Vehicle
56 To lend
58 Compound ether
60 Pronoun
61 Dispossession
63 Attacked
65 Checks
66 Paid notice
67 Fish

VERTICAL

1 Scent
2 Infant
3 Nook
4 Tree of the oak family
5 Permitted by law
6 Embosses
7 Negative
8 Terrible
9 Employers
10 Japanese coin
12 Earth goddess
14 Thus
17 Cry of Bacchanals
20 Lizard
24 Western state
25 Opening
27 Excited
28 Had on
29 Ship
30 Preposition
32 Rabbit
36 Parcel of land
37 Doorkeepers
42 Acts
44 Part of a circle
46 Edible seeds
48 Extreme
49 To entreat
51 Prefix: against
54 Frightened
55 To interpret
56 Behold!
57 Pronoun
59 Japanese measure
62 Half an em
64 Roman gods

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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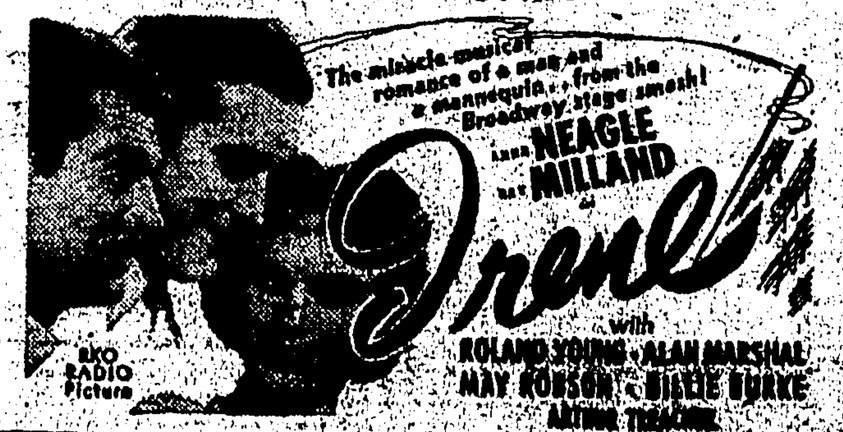

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SUPPLIES REACH GERMANY THROUGH VLADIVOSTOK

THE PROBLEM of supplies reaching Russia across the Pacific, which have the effect of enabling her to export to Germany goods of value to the aggressors, has not escaped the notice of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

A recent statement by an American publicist emphasising the importance of aid which U.S. producers and industrialists may be indirectly affording to the Axis powers at the very moment they, in common with their fellow citizens, are approving the policy of giving the utmost direct aid to Britain and other countries fighting aggression, has drawn attention anew to this question in London as well as in the United States.

What is happening may be seen in statistics of cotton imports into the Soviet Union from the U.S. in the two last months for which figures are available.

Russia has imported from the U.S. twice as much cotton as normally she takes in a full year from all sources.

Obvious Explanation

It is obvious that obligations which Russia has assumed to Germany under recent commercial agreements could not be fully implemented out of her own resources—unless indeed the Russians themselves are to go short for the benefit of Hitler's war machine.

What is known of Russian policy does not suggest that that is on object for which the Russian Government would be inclined to ask their people to make a sacrifice, however, desirous they may be to see Germany's urgent war needs bring advantage to Russo-German trade.

Therefore it is to be expected after the new agreement that Russia will seek imports of commodities and notably oil, grain and cotton which will release equivalent quantities for exchange against German manufactures.

This may also explain reports that Russia is mobilising a fleet of merchant ships to carry produce from the Americas to Vladivostok.

Careful Watch

The Ministry of Economic Warfare is known to be watching carefully developments along these lines and it may be assumed that the particular aspect of the problem regarding which the American publicist has been warning his countrymen will not be overlooked in consultations between British representatives at Washington and the U.S. authorities.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare has always made clear that its policy is to take counter-steps whenever necessary to forestall any major leak in the Contraband Control.—British Wireless.

KOWLOON SHOOTING AFFRAY

Chan Wan, aged 21, was this morning charged at the Criminal Sessions before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor with shooting at Police constable Chung Shu-cho and at Pang Kwong intending to cause grevious bodily harm and to evade lawful arrest.

Mr. J. Murphy, Acting Crown Counsel, prosecuted assisted by Inspector A. E. Carey.

The jury was composed of Messrs. P. Chessex, (foreman), N. J. Vander Laan, Yuen Kam-fai, Mok Mei-yee, Wong Yuk-yee, A. W. Ramsey and Sun Hem-lai.

Mr. Murphy said that about 1.30 p.m. on December 13, Pang Kwong was in Lai Chi-kok Road and saw two men acting suspiciously. He followed them through Wong Chuk and Tai Nam Streets. One entered a mahjong school while the other, accused, continued walking.

At Kuiling Street accused stopped Pang Kwong and told him that he was a police officer. He searched Pang and told him to go about his business. But instead of doing so Pang followed Chan and near Shek Kip-mee Street met a police constable, Chung Shu-cho and asked him to arrest accused. When the latter saw the constable talking to Pang he started to run and was pursued by the two men.

Near Wong Chuk Street accused drew a revolver and fired at his pursuers but fortunately the bullet went wide. He was chased further and ran through a scavenging lane. Here he met another man who was told to keep quiet at the point of a revolver. Accused then emerged at the end of the lane.

In the meantime Pang Kwong and the constable had lost sight of accused. The constable blew his whistle. At the end of Yu Chau Street a bus inspector saw accused running and attempted to stop him but refrained from doing so on being threatened with a revolver.

Another constable, who was on duty in the vicinity hearing police whistles joined in the chase and after firing a shot over accused's head arrested him after he had been compelled to drop his gun.

When examined the gun contained an empty cartridge case and four rounds which had misfired.

The case is proceeding.

MILITARY CABLES STOLEN

Chan Ming, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing electric cables, belonging to the Military Authorities, from Kennedy Road last Saturday and Tuesday.

Detective-Sergeant T. Cashman told the Court that defendant was arrested at about 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, with two pieces of cable in his possession.

Defendant admitted that he was also responsible for the theft of seven yards of cable on January 11.

N.T. ARREST

Sergeant Hewitt of the Shataukok Police Station, accompanied by Indian Constables and two Chinese detectives, chased and arrested four alleged robbers yesterday afternoon in the New Territories.

U.S. NAVY DEMANDS 400 SMALL SHIPS

The United States Navy has asked Congress for authority to build 400 small vessels, including submarine chasers, minesweepers and torpedo-boats.

Rear-Admiral Samuel Robinson told the House Naval Committee yesterday that 280 of the vessels were "urgently needed" and that Congress would be asked immediately for $310,000,000 for their construction. — Reuter.

Germany Turns To Japan

The "Manchester Guardian's "diplomatic correspondent yesterday wrote that Nazi diplomatic negotiations with France, Spain and Bulgaria had failed to achieve satisfactory results.

It is possible, he said, that Berlin is now turning its thoughts wishfully towards Japan, hoping that with Japanese intervention, Germany will be able to embarrass the British Commonwealth and hinder American aid to Britain.

In fact, the correspondent pointed out, such a suggestion is not new. It has repeatedly been made to Tokyo backed by assurances that a Soviet-Japanese agreement can be arranged.

But Japan to-day does not seem to take with enthusiasm to the idea of taking action which, however beneficial towards the Axis Allies, would probably bring Japan vis-a-vis combined Anglo-American power in the Far East. —Central News.

BURMA MISSION FOR CHINA

The Burma Government mission to China left Rangoon for Chungking yesterday. — Reuter.

DAZED PROFESSOR ON MURDER CHARGE

PROFESSOR LLOYD JAMES was remanded for a week in custody at Hampstead court yesterday charged with the murder of his wife, a former noted violinist, who was found dead, from wounds, in the bedroom of her home on Tuesday.

Police stated that they found the body and Professor James was later arrested and charged with murder.

When cautioned James said: "We were so happy. I wanted her to die while she was like that."

There were two scratches on James' left cheek and his shirt-cuff was blood-stained. The police seized a large fork, a hammer and a poker.

James told the police: "I thought my powers were failing and I could not cope with my work. Rather than expect her to face a bleak future I decided that she should die and not be asked to face it.

"I thought I would also kill myself."

Later James said: "My brain will not function."

In court, James said he did not think he had said he would take his own life.

James appeared dazed in court. —Reuter.

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NOTHING

The world would be a much happier place to live in if only the people who have nothing to say would not say it. This aphorism by a music-hall artist who is also a philosopher was recently quoted by a Member of Parliament. He said he did not as a rule, for this reason among others, seek to hold the attention of the House for more than a few minutes. It would be an excellent thing if every M.P. framed the wise saying and hung it up in a convenient place to be read afresh every morning. The purveyors of platform platitudes would also do well to consider the wisdom of refraining from saying nothing and so contribute to the sum total of human happiness. The example of substituting an essay by Bacon for the usual frothy utterance expected of a prize-day speaker can be followed with profit. But it need not always be Bacon. Anything from Montaigne or Maurois, from Spinoza or Shaw, could be made equally apt and much more stimulating than a dreary repetition of painfully revealed glimpses of the obvious.

Often more to be pitied than uninspired and uninspiring public speakers are those anonymous, erudite, omniscient and discerning individuals known in the newspaper world as leader-writers. They must say something every day of the year, not excepting Sundays. It does not matter whether nobody reads a word of what they write. There is the allotted space to be filled. And, even if there is nothing to be said, it has to be said with vigour or with an air of quiet conviction. A cynic has described leader-writing as the art of saying nothing in three paragraphs. The day's news may speak for itself, and need no interpretation of any kind. But it would horrify the average reader to find the editorial column a perfect blank, or filled with funny stories and groups of asterisks. In these circumstances, it would not surprise the patient reader to know that the temptation to fill this column to-day with a selection from the pages of the past was almost irresistible. The only reason why it was not done was that it would have anticipated our centenary number on Monday. So the less satisfactory course was adopted of saying nothing about nothing in particular.

New Staff Chiefs Of The Offensive School

By STRATEGICUS

In full harmony with his country's mood Mr. Churchill has recently made revolutionary changes in the top positions of Britain's three Service departments. Disregarding "seniority," the Prime Minister has promoted younger men—adepts of the offensive school in modern strategy—to supreme commands. This article by Strategicus, the well-known Military Commentator of the "Spectator," explains who these men are and what their appointments signify.

It was in the very crisis of the struggle for the French Channel ports that Mr. Churchill uttered one of those flaming *obiter dicta* which, illuminating a confused picture, contrive to bring out everything in its true perspective. "The armies must cast away" he said, "the idea of resisting attack behind concrete lines or natural obstacles and must realise that mastery can only be regained by furious unrelenting assault." The words then seemed to wear an air of novelty, though it was not yet known that a distinguished French general had informed a correspondent that he had abandoned his early and skilfully conducted advance against the West Wall because "we were too far away from the Maginot Line." A statement such as that would have seemed unintelligible to Marshal Foch, and everyone to-day must find it difficult to remember that the first quotation comes from a statesman and the second but not the first from a professional soldier.

The facts have taught us much. Before the war there had grown up a school of thinkers, who, in the endeavour to evade the inexorable law that wars are won by resolute fighting, had attempted to find a prescription for victory in numbers, material and organised defensives; but this has perished in the breath of reality and now it is realised that the dependence upon the defensive at length breeds incapacity even for defence. The defeat of France was due not so much to inferior numbers and lack of material as to the fatal obsession with the defensive system, with the Maginot Line, and this Frankenstein rose up in the end to overwhelm its creator.

But how far we have travelled from that mood can now be realised when it is seen that the fighting Services have been quietly given a new command of young aggressive men. With the appointment of Vice-Admiral J. C. Tovey, C.B., D.S.O., as Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet and Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, K.C.B., as Assistant to the First Sea Lord, Sir Dudley Pound, the Senior Service receives a new breath of life. Fortunately it did not need to be infused with the offensive spirit: that indeed is its continuing characteristic. But each of these officers brings with him a fresh and vigorous bent for aggressive action. Both of them have been recently connected with the small ships of the Navy; and the spirit of attack is more inevitably associated with them than it is with the battleship, the ship of the line, which in the last resort assures their safety and is the foundation of sea power. It is, however, the small ships of the Navy that carry out the Navy's offensive, the blockade; that are for the most part the visible signs of its strength. Admiral Tovey, however, though he has only recently relinquished the command of the destroyer flotillas of the Mediterranean which have done so much to foster caution in the Italian Navy, has had experience of all types of ships: but since the smaller ships are the limbs with which the battleships reach out and secure their chance of battle it is much that an officer who has had such a command should now have charge of the Home Fleet.

Sir Henry Harwood is much better known to the general public. He brilliantly demonstrated the power of the small ship in the battle of the River Plate; but he brings to the conduct of naval affairs something much more valuable than is generally realised. The action he fought was so inspiring because he did not merely drift into it but because, in spite of his immense inferiority in armament, he deliberately courted the battle, foreseeing ten days ahead the probable action of the Graf Spee, concentrating his small force where it would appear and practising the tactics he thought most suitable before going into action. Ability to plan ahead, resolution, daring and discretion were all involved; and it is a great gain to have those qualities reinforced in the Admiralty.

But we have always had a tradition of offensive action in the Navy. It is in the air, which has witnessed the most striking developments, that we have been so pleasantly and proudly reassured. When the warfare of the allies appeared to have withered under the blight of the defensive obsession the Royal Air Force bombers showed that they could carry the offensive across the most highly defended frontiers and invade the enemy's territory. The fighters have been magnificent; but they —though tactically the attack is their only weapon—were strategically only fulfilling the task of defending hearth and home. The bombers have from the beginning been on the offensive, inflicting damaging blows upon the enemy, weakening his morale, destroying his war potential. Under Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal the bombers have never rested from their vigorous offensive against the dock-yards, munition factories, oil refineries and communications of the enemy. His promotion from the post of Chief of the Bomber Command to that of Commander-in-Chief, Royal Air Force, brings that spirit of scientifically controlled aggression to the supreme office of the Air Force. If this newest of the Services has saved England from invasion, who can say how far it will go towards the defeat of the enemy? It is at least certain that in defence, in the preparation of the attack and the development of the offensive, the Air Force is an almost incalculably important factor. In the Great War, according to Major Grosskreutz, the comparatively minor bombing attacks of the time broke down "the moral resistance of the German nation." Now that the attack will develop increasingly it is certain to have an immense effect.

With the Navy supplying the basis of victory and the Bombing Force spreading increasing destruction the way will be open for the *coupe de grace*. This will be an offensive weapon. England was the inventor of the tank and of the first armoured division. Sir Alan Brooke, the new commander-in-chief of the Home Forces, is the brilliant officer who fought through the war in France and, a specialist in the use of mechanised force, saw both its power and its limits. Another of the younger school, his bold aggressive spirit will inspire the growing army that will one day take the offensive with decisive effect. The lesson of the war in Belgium and France has been well learned. The use of the tank with accompanying aeroplanes was first applied by the British army at Fricourt, in 1918; and the army command is no longer minded merely to present ideas to the Germans. The new army is being trained along the most modern scientific lines. From America alone 4,000 tanks have been ordered; Canada is manufacturing them and for some time various improved types have been mass produced in England.

The allies entered the Great War inspired with the conviction that they must take the offensive at all costs. This was taken so literally that on occasion it led to heavy loss, and as a reaction there grew up the school which places its reliance upon the defensive. But if an obsession with the offensive is risky, obsession with the defensive is fatal. It is recognised that only by the offensive can a decision be obtained; and no less than that is the objective of England. The British army, in any case, has always been an offensive instrument, like the tank i. invented. The direction of the fighting Services is now in the hands of new, younger and aggressive men who by instinct and by training believe in the offensive. But it is in the scientific offensive they believe, in the improved armoured divisions, in bombing attacks prepared with scrupulous care and carried out with precision, in the new Navy with its immense accretion of small ships. At present only the bare outlines can be seen of the offensive instrument which will achieve victory; but they are taking shape and they form the foundation of our confidence.

Biographical Details

Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, aged 51, victor of the River Plate action against the "Graf Spee," Knighted in October, 1940, now assistant to the Chief of the Naval Staff. His signal at the time of the River Plate action "My object: Destruction" is characteristic for this man who is always in favour of taking the initiative and driving home the attack against his opponent.

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Vice Admiral J. C. Tovey, D.S.O., Commander in Chief Home Fleet aged 54, destroyer expert, will now hold the post corresponding to that of Jellicoe and Beatty in the last war.

Noteworthy that this officer has been promoted from the post of Commander Destroyer Flotillas in the Mediterranean to that of Commander in Chief Home Fleet at a very young age. This rapid promotion in disregard of "seniority" had a sensational affect on public oplinion in Great Britain which daily backs the Prime Minister's determination to promote young men of the offensive school to the most important posts in the Services.

He gained the D.S.O. after the battle of Jutland when, as the Commander of the Destroyer Onslow, he closed in to fire remaining torpedoes when his ship was badly crippled. Under him the H and I class destroyers of Narvik fame and the Cossack which sent a boarding party to rescue British prisoners on the Altmark had enjoyed operational training. He is known as submarine-chaser-Tovey.

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Lt. General Sir Alan Brooke, D.S.O., Commander - in - Chief Home Forces at the age of 56, born and early education in France.

Specialist in Artillery, heavy armour, mechanisation. Inventor of the barrage map which came into general use for the direction of barrage fire during the last war.

Instructor at the Staff College, Imperial Defence College, Commandant at the school of Artillery, Inspector of Artillery, Director of Military Training, Commander of the Mobile Division, Commander of the Anti-Aircraft Division; General Officer Commanding Southern Command. Commander of the Second Army Corps at the beginning of the present war. Now Chief Defender of the British Isles.

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Air Marshal Sir Charles F. A. Portal, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Appointed Acting Air Chief Marshal and chief of the Air Staff on October 25, 1940 at the age of 47.

A remarkable career.

Colonel at the age of 25 in the last war.

One of the greatest experts in England on flaconry, on which he wrote his first article at the age of 16.

Won a motor-bicycle race in 1914 and became a Despatch Rider in the Army at the outbreak of the last war.

While Corporal he was mentioned in the first despatches of Sir John French in September, 1914.

Climbed the ladder of military promotion with the speed of a Spitfire.

Corporal in 1914, Lieutenant in 1915, Colonel by 1917, Squadron Leader in the Royal Flying Corps at the end of the last war.

Won Laurence Minot *Bombing* Trophy (aiming personally) 1918 and again in 1928.

Royal Naval College 1926, Imperial Staff College, 1928.

Commander of British Air Forces at Aden, 1934. India 1935, Instructor at Imperial Defence College, 1936, Air Vice Marshal 1937. Member of the Air Council 1939, Chief of the Bomber Command 1939 and Knighted March, 1939.

Chief of the Air Staff, October, 1940.

Decorations: Distinguished Service Order with Bar, Military Cross.

Hitler Is Angry

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

Britain's famous political Commentator

Diplomatic circles in London are much intrigued by the latest underground news from Germany. There is abundant and uncontrovertible evidence that Herr Hitler is angry, very angry indeed.

It would be wrong to assume that he is depressed or discouraged. On the contrary his victories have exalted his spirit and convinced him that Germany's dominant place and his own are on the point of being established.

Nevertheless he is given to constant fits of rage which are greatly disturbing his entourage. The sources of his exasperation are many but the basic cause is clear.

Hitler knows that in Britain he is being laughed at. Formerly he used to be content to accept the translations of what appeared in the British Press but when the war began he determined to learn enough English to read the editions and the headlines at least.

The cartoons wound him most deeply. To him they are a form of blasphemy for like all dictators he dreads the shafts of ridicule. Next to the cartoons he most fiercely resents Mr. Churchill's references to himself as "That wicked man." "That evil man" and "That cruel man."

A more elaborate denunciation would not worry him but the stark simplicity of Mr. Churchill's language penetrates his self-esteem and cuts him to the quick.

Another contributory factor to his distemper is the applause of the French cinema audiences whenever the news-reels show pictures of destruction wrought in Berlin by the Royal Air Force. The intention of the Nazis was to contrast the barbarity of the British as compared with the consideration of the Germans who did not bomb Paris.

Even when Nazi officials glare at the French audiences to identify the villains who dare to applaud the French get around it by sitting motionless and stamping with their feet.

Finally, the Charlie Chaplin film "The Dictator" is worrying the Fuehrer. He and the great little comedian were born in the same year a few days apart and it has never been safe in Nazi Germany to remark on the extraordinary similarity of their two moustaches.

British commentators say sardonically that Hitler should not be apprehensive of the Chaplin film since it is impossible to burlesque burlesque.

Finally Hitler's ill favour has fallen momentarily upon his devoted friend Hermann Goering. It was Goering who said that the mass attacks of the Luftwaffe in the daytime would break down the fighter resistance of the R.A.F. and pave the way to invasion. In addition to that the night bomber attacks would force the British to abandon London. As for bombs on Germany Goering was unfortunate enough to say that he would regard the intrusion of a single British aeroplane in Germany as a personal insult.

Things have not quite worked out according to plan. The British fighters inflicted such losses upon the Luftwaffe in their mass-raid attacks that Goering had to call them off. London, instead of being abandoned, carries on as usual despite heavy destruction of private houses, churches and hospitals. As for the single bomber over Germany there are squadrons every night.

Herr Hitler shakes his fists at the skies. As Emperor in all but name, world dictator in all but the fact he is very, very angry indeed. The Corps Diplomatique in London is always correct in its behaviour but behind the scenes everyone is telling the latest story of Hitler's outbursts.

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R-A-F- REDUCES U-BOAT MENACE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE ADMIRALTY spokesman's comment on the relation between recent light British shipping losses and bombing raids on enemy submarine bases has opened up an interesting field of speculation.

These raids undoubtedly have been severe and their continuation is sufficient evidence of a valuable contribution towards countering the U-boat menace, particularly in the Atlantic.

Damage and disorganisation at Lorient and Brest, from which many U-boats operate against Atlantic convoys, and at the main U-boat home base at Bremen, is now believed to be high.

Several telling blows have also been made against bases of long-distance bombers operating against British and Allied shipping, notably the aerodrome of Merignac, near Bordeaux.

Both air and naval observers, however, resist the temptation to attribute to this counter air action against U-boat and bomber—as to the defensive measures also being taken by sea and air—too great a significance as yet.

Weather's Part

The measure of their success rests on being able to keep down shipping losses for a longer period than the past four weeks.

During the month bad weather probably had the most influence on the extent of surface shelling and torpedo attacks enemy submarines were able to carry out.

It similarly influenced the extent of operations of enemy mine-laying, reconnaissance and bombing aircraft.

At the same time, however, the first fruits of the recently announced decision that the operational policy of the R.A.F. Coastal Command shall be determined by the Admiralty are being seen.

Convoy Patrol

The Admiralty are now able to get more aircraft out on convoy patrol, submarine construction and other counter-blockade duties.

In the meantime the expansion of the Coastal Command is being pushed ahead, assisted by the quickest possible delivery of Lockheed bombers and Consolidated flyingboats, which are being flown across the Atlantic.

American aid has a parallel in the Navy, where the American destroyers are doubtless a factor in permitting an increase of British escort flotillas.

Cooperation between the Navy and other Commands of the R.A.F. is close. This is shown by the frequent Bomber Command raids on U-boat and long-distance bomber bases.—Reuter.

BRITISH MESSAGE TO POLAND

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, declared open the employment office for Polish nationals in London yesterday.

Present at the ceremony were General Sikorski, Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Republic, and M. Stanczyk, Polish Minister of Labour and Social Welfare.

In a speech Mr. Bevin said: "The defence of Warsaw will represent an epic story in history.

"To-day we welcome into industrial ranks and into the field of production your scientists, your engineers, your skill, your labour and your sailors, knowing only too well they will make their contribution to production so as to add to the common pool equipment for our common forces who are engaged in the united task of ridding the world of this pest of aggression.

"We send our greetings to our oppressed comrades in Poland today and desire them to know and feel that if their resistance was broken by overwhelming force we nonetheless prize that resistance.

"We shall fight on until liberty and justice are reestablished in the world."—British Wireless.

NEW 'PLANE HOVERS IN AIR

A new type of observation monoplane, demonstrated by United States Army officials is able to get into the air from a 300-foot circular runway, and can be set down within its own length.

It can fly at very slow speeds and almost come to a halt in the air, says Reuter.

MOSCOW LOOKS AT AFRICA

The serious plight of the Italian troops in Africa is the subject of a long article in the Moscow paper "Trud"—organ of the Soviet Trade Unions.

"On the basis of the British figures," the journal estimates that the British Army in Libya now has a superiority of two to one over the Italians.

"Judging by developments," it adds, "the British, with 100,000 men in the Sudan and a similar number in Kenya, intend to expand their activities in East Africa.

These developments are of the greatest importance in the African theatre of war and the desire of the British to clean up the war in Africa in order to concentrate all their efforts in the decisive European theatre."—Reuter.

SHELTER AS LATRINE

That newly built A.R.P. Shelters have been used as public latrines was mentioned by Sergeant Cameron before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning when Tong Sam, 30, was charged with obeying a call of nature in an A.R.P. shelter in Laichikok Road yesterday.

Accused, pleading guilty, stated that he was a newcomer and did not know it was an A.R.P. Shelter.

Sergeant Cameron asked that a serious view be taken as the police, instructed to inspect these shelters found practically nearly every one had been used as a public latrine.

Accused was bound over and ordered to be expelled.

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BRITISH SEIZURE OF FRENCH SHIP

"NO GROUND EXISTS for a protest from Uruguay over the interception of the French steamer "Mendoza," declared a Ministry of Economic Warfare spokesman in London yesterday.

The Mendoza was intercepted outside the international three-mile limit by a British auxiliary cruiser but the ship is reported to have drifted across the line and returned to Montevideo.

It was disclosed that the Mendoza is one of five French ships which have been loading in River Plate ports, the other ships being the Katiola, Formose, Campula and Aurigny.

No navicerts have been applied for and it is learned there is no question of the British blockade being lifted in their favour should they decide to sail.

It was emphasised that all ships bound for Europe which are not provided with navicerts are liable to interception and detention.

The British authorities have no information as regards the Mendoza's cargo but it is believed this comprises mainly meat and wool.—Reuter.

NEW BARRACKS IN BOMBAY

New naval barracks, to house 500, were opened in Bombay yesterday pursuant to the Royal Indian Navy expansion scheme, says Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has reached great intensity; pressure is highest to the north-west of Shantung.

A depression lies over the Pacific to the east of Japan.

WAITING BEFORE THE ATTACK

Imperial Forces Thoroughly Exploring Tobruk

ITALIANS "CRUEL" LOSSES

Following the failure of two Italian counter-attacks——in one of which they suffered losses described by the Greeks as "cruel"—the Greeks advanced a little further yesterday despite heavy snow storms and bitter cold.

The Italians have withdrawn to strong natural positions north of Klissoura and are making desperate efforts to stop the Greek drive on Berat. Local engagements are intense.

Greek artillery is very active both in the Klissoura sector and in the coastal area, where the Italians have been shelled for some time.

Aerial activity was stopped yesterday by the weather.

It is pointed out in Athens that the Greeks still have plenty of reserves in men and money.

Only 12 classes have been called up, while general mobilisation would bring 20 classes to the Colours. — Reuter.

BRITISH WORKERS AND JAPAN

The Prime Minister. Mr. Churchill, yesterday announced that he would make a statement in connection with the letter from Mr. Alfred Edwards, Labour M.P. for Middlesbrough, protesting against the shipment of British munitions to Japan.

Mr. Edwards, in a recent speech, supported British workers who threatened to strike if the munitions they manufacture are destined for Japan. He said that unless assurances to the contrary were received from the Prime Minister, he would ask Labour Party leaders to have the matter thrashed out in Parliament.

While paying tribute to Mr. Churchill, Mr. Edwards bluntly pointed out: "Not a single gun or bullet should go to our enemies or potential enemies. The alleged excuse is that we need foreign currency. That is a disgusting excuse. No man who knows the great personal cost and sacrifice by which munitions are produced would agree to the credit being raised."—Central News.

Necessity Of Storing Up Full Supplies

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Advanced Headquarters Outside Tobruk)

A PERIOD OF WAITING BEFORE THE ATTACK ON TOBRUK IS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY ON ACCOUNT OF PATROL ACTIVITY, TO EXPLORE TOBRUK'S DEFENCES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE NECESSITY OF STORING UP GENEROUS SUPPLIES OF FOOD, WATER AND AMMUNITION.

"In this desert war the quartermaster seems to have become almost as important as the fighting man," said one officer, who explained that some idea of the Army of the Nile's present problems and past achievements could be got when the present campaign is expressed in terms of Britain itself.

The task of attacking Tobruk from base at Alexandria or Cairo would be similar to that facing a hostile army trying to attack the Bay of Inverness from London without any railway beyond York and with a single road between York and Inverness, either indescribably bad or almost non-existent.

Add to this a complete absence of water supplies or petrol pumps anywhere along the route, and sandstorms like a pea-soup fog totally obscuring the road and aerodromes for days at a time.

Actually, the more I see of the Western Desert the more it seems clear that the British Army has no right to be outside Tobruk at all.

Anybody But The Italians

Bardia's defences alone, in the hands of anybody but the Italians, might have occupied our troops for months.

I spent two days inspecting the Bardia defence zone and all officers and men to whom I have spoken expressed astonishment that the Italians surrendered after only 36 hours fighting.

The whole defended area constitutes a natural fortress with deep ravines and caves protected by many feet of solid rock, proof against any bomb or shell and containing huge stores of ammunition and food.

Network Of Caves

Part of the Headquarter Staff was housed in a network of caves and tunnels. The general's office had over 30 feet of rock above it and had its own electric light.

Beside these natural advantages Bardia had a series of well-constructed defence posts reinforced with concrete.

Apropos the Italian surrender, an amusing story of how one of the Bardia generals was captured, is told.

A British sergeant saw a movement in a cave on the seashore and shouted to the occupants to come out. Failing any response he fired two revolver shots into the cave, without reply.

A British colonel bathing nearby came to assist the sergeant and stationed himself at the other exit of the cave, where the Italian general finally appeared and was arrested by the colonel wearing only a pair of slippers and a revolver. — Reuter.

$250,000 IN NOTES IN SUITCASE

Two shop fokis, Lo Sik-shan, 31, and Ho Yeung, 25, were each fined $30 by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, for importing unmanifested cargo by the s.s. Shirogane Maru, yesterday.

Defendants were searched when leaving the O.S.K. wharf, Connaught Road Central, about 6 p.m. yesterday, and $250,000, in Chinese banknotes, were found inside a suit case which they were carrying.

Mr. F. I. Zimmern, who pleaded guilty, on behalf of the defendants, told the Court that his clients the intended manifesting the banknotes, but were unable to do so since no cargo was allowed on the steamer.

SHANGHAI'S WAR FUND

The British War Fund in Shanghai passed £100,000 this morning, says Reuter, enabling the purchase of an entire squadron for the R.A.F. The squadron will be known as the British China Squadron.

FORGED $10 NOTES

Found guilty of possession of 1,309 ten dollar notes of the Bank of Communications knowing same to be forged, Chan Hung was sentenced to 15 months hard labour by Mr. E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr. J. Reynolds prosecuted assisted by Inspector O'Donovan and the jury was composed of Messrs. G. B. Witchell (foreman), Pong Chui-chu, F.H.J.A. Lafleur, Tran Van Trong, G. Piry, A. R. Tavares and N. M. Pavri.

Mr. Reynolds said accused was seen, walking in Hillier Street with a shoe box under his arm, by a district watchman. Stopped and questioned he said the box contained shoes, but in it were found the notes wrapped in newspaper.

He offered to take the police to the s.s. Taiposhek for one Wong Yu who, he said, had given him the notes. He was taken aboard by Sergeant Cochrane but none by that name was found.

In answer to the charge accused said that he had nothing to say. He knew they were forgeries but he had no intention of using the notes here.

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CRIME DOESN'T PAY
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Try to spot the crime and criminal in to-day's hand:

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Duplicate Bridge

	♠ 10 ♡ Q J 7 ◇ K Q 9 8 4 ♣ A K 6 5	
♠ K Q 9 4 3 ♡ 4 ◇ J 10 6 2 ♣ Q 10 9	N W E S	♠ J 8 6 2 ♡ A 10 6 3 ◇ A 7 ♣ J 8 7
	♠ A 7 5 ♡ K 9 8 5 2 ◇ 6 3 ♣ 4 3 2	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1◇	Pass
1♡	1♠	2♡	2♠
3♡	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of spades, South winning with the Ace. Declarer led a low diamond, dummy played the Queen, and East won with the diamond Ace. East then returned a club, dummy winning with the King. The King of diamonds was cashed, and South ruffed a low diamond. Since East had discarded a club, South ruffed a spade in dummy and cashed the club Ace, next ruffing another diamond. He then ruffed his last spade with dummy's heart Jack and returned a club. East ruffed, cashed the heart Ace, and led a low heart; but South, with a perfect count on East's hand, finessed the nine of hearts and won his tenth trick with the heart King.

We'll let our sleuths in on a secret: the defence slipped somewhere, for South should have been defeated at his rather ambitious contract. But who made the mistake — and what was it? Decide for yourself before going on.

East was the criminal, and his crime occurred at his very first chance to lead! When he got in with the Ace of diamonds, he should have seen the cross-ruff staring him in the face, for dummy was short in spades, and the long diamond suit indicated that South might be short of that suit. To stop the cross-ruff, East should have led the Ace of hearts and a low heart next; and South would have been able to make only nine tricks.

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Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 8 4
♡ A J 9 5
◇ Q 9
♣ Q 6

The bidding:

You	Maier	Schenken	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have everything your partner has a right to expect in the major suits, together with considerable help in the minors. There should be a fine play for game.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 50% for three spades, 40% for pass.

Question No. 615

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 9 5
♡ A K J 7 6
◇ Q 6
♣ 8

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Dieting Dot says she's almost made up her mind to forget about her weight and hang on to her good disposition.

Tidal Wave Of Conquest

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, issued a warning in Washington yesterday that only Britain stands between the United States and "an outlaw" Germany intent on world conquest.

He urged Congress to put "speed and more speed" in rushing enactment of President Roosevelt's "Arsenal for Democracy" Bill.

"Most serious question for the United States is whether control of the high seas shall pass into the hands of powers bent on a programme of unlimited conquest," he said.

The time had come for the United States to recognise the "tidal wave" of a world move for conquest, and to "invoke the law of self-defence before it is too late," and before Germany tried to swallow the Americas like a "boa constrictor swallows a squirrel".—International News Service.

HITLER THREAT TO IRELAND?

"Hitler will act shortly—perhaps in a few weeks," declared the exiled German leader, Otto Strasser, in an interview with the Independent French Agency yesterday.

Strasser believes that Hitler will strike in Ireland and Syria. "Hitler has modified last year's invasion scheme and evolved a plan for the blockade and invasion of Britain with the conquest of Ireland as the goal.

"Ireland is regarded by the theorists as the Achilles heel of the British Empire."

Strasser discusses the possibilities of letting loose an army of parachutists from transport 'planes over Ireland, which Hitler would "defend" against British intervention.

"Hitler hopes, at a price of a few hundred or even a thousand 'planes, to gain in three days a formidable invasion base against Britain.

"I believe that he will favour an invasion of Ireland rather than an attack against Egypt or Gibraltar.

"The danger points against which the attention of Britain should be drawn are Ireland and Syria."—Reuter.

AN URGENT SUMMONS

IT WAS REPORTED IN BELGRADE FROM BUCHAREST LAST NIGHT THAT GENERAL ANTONESCU, THE RUMANIAN PREMIER, HAS BEEN URGENTLY SUMMONED TO BERLIN AND IS LEAVING BY TRAIN TO-DAY.—REUTER.

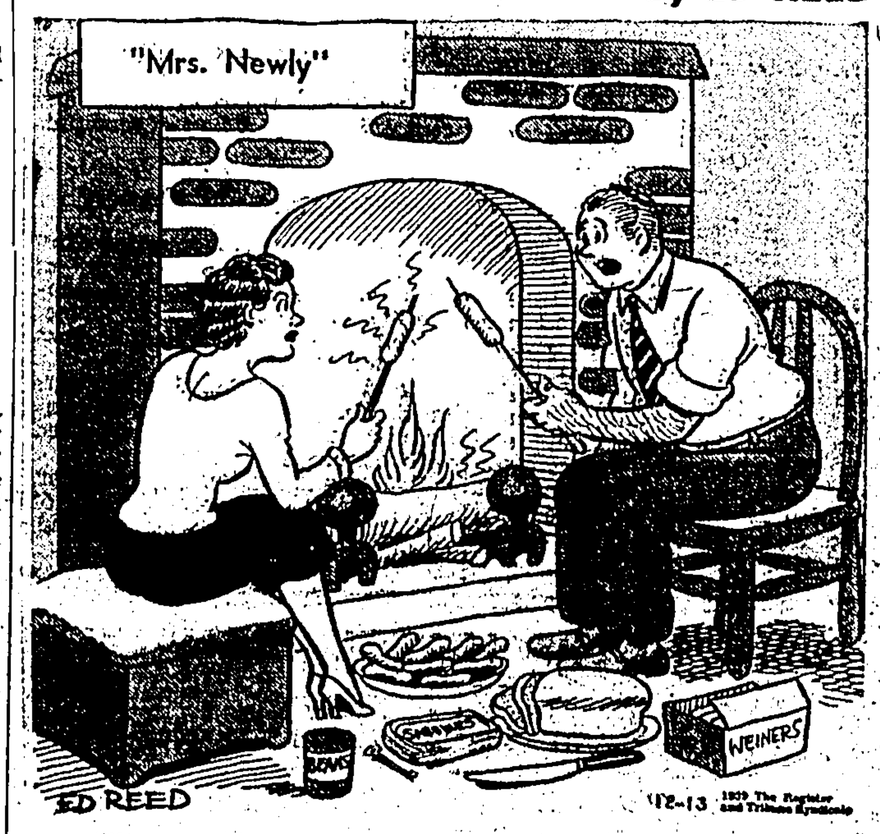
BITTEN BY CAT

Mrs. Jerabko, of No. 4, Hart Avenue, was bitten on both arms by her cat while playing with it on Tuesday. The animal was sent to Mataukok for observation. Mrs. Jerabko was treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

STOLE A BOAT

For stealing a small boat from trading junk, No. T1799H, at the Hunghom Ferry Wharf yesterday, Cheung Sze, 25, was fined $30, or six weeks' hard labour, by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

OFF THE RECORD By ED REED



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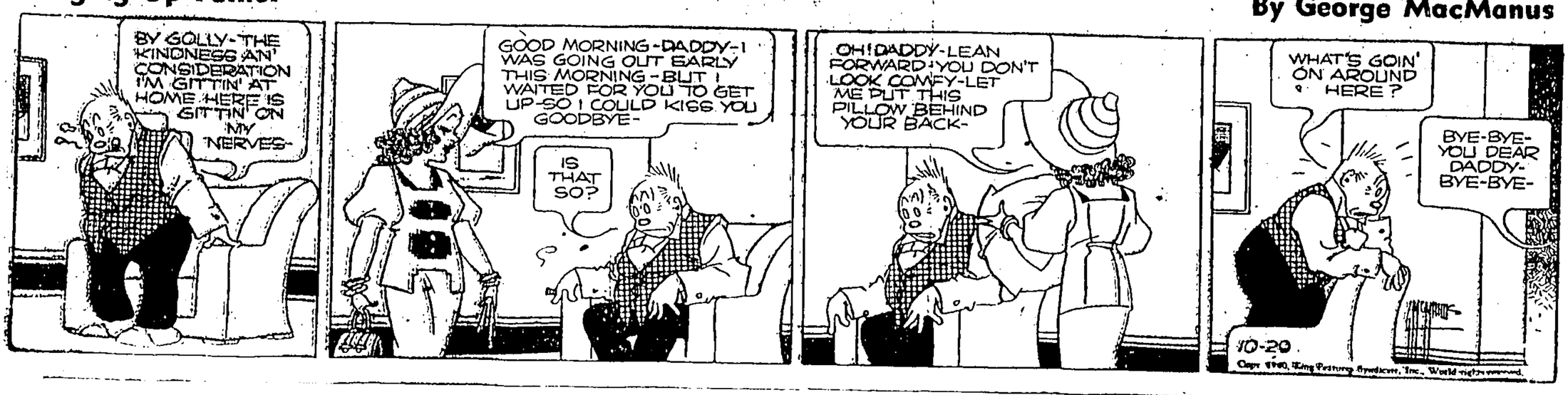

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

How To Cook Rabbit

"It tastes just like chicken." That's what the family says when rabbit is served.

A nice fresh young rabbit repays for good cooking. You can boil it, stew it, make it into a pudding or pie, dish it up as a savoury, and not a bit need be wasted if the remains are made into a nourishing soup.

Roast Rabbit

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 4 tablespoonfuls breadcrumbs, 2 tablespoonfuls shredded suet, 2 tablespoonfuls chopped ham, ½ teaspoonful chopped parsley, grated rind of half a lemon, salt and pepper, 1 egg.

Wipe the rabbit and season inside with a little pepper, salt, and powdered clove. Prepare the force-meat with the remaining ingredients and put inside the rabbit.

Skewer the head back and the legs on each side, cover the rabbit well with dripping then with a piece of greased paper.

Bake for an hour in a hot oven, basting frequently. Serve with baked potatoes and a green vegetable.

Rabbit And Pork

Partnered with pickled pork rabbit meets with great approval.

Ingredients: 1 young rabbit, 1 lb. pickled pork, 1 pt. white stock, 1 pt. milk, 2 ozs. butter or margarine, 4 ozs. flour, 1 sliced onion, 2 strips of shredded celery, 1 blade mace, 8 white peppercorns, salt and pepper,

For the garnish: 2 tablespoonfuls each of shredded cooked carrot, onion and turnip.

Wash and joint the rabbit, dice the pickled pork and place in a stewpan with the stock and milk.

Bring to the boil, add the onion, celery, mace, peppercorns, and seasoning, and simmer for about two hours, until meat is tender.

Knead the butter or margarine and flour together, and add, in small pieces, half an hour before the rabbit is cooked.

Serve on a hot dish, strain the sauce over the meat, and garnish with separately cooked vegetables.

JUGGED RABBIT, tasty and tender, makes a popular change.

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 1 pint good stock, 1 dessertspoonful lemon juice, 3 ozs. margarine, 1 oz. flour, 1 medium-sized onion, 6 peppercorns, 2 cloves, forcemeat as for roast rabbit, red-currant jelly.

Wash, dry and joint the rabbit. Fry in two ounces hot butter or margarine until well browned, then put into a stew-jar with a little salt, the onion stuck with cloves, the lemon juice, peppercorns, and hot stock.

Cover the jar closely and cook in a moderate oven for 3¼ hours, or stand the jar in a saucepanful of boiling water on the stove.

Half an hour before serving knead the remaining 1 oz. of margarine and the flour together, stir into the stock, adding seasoning if necessary.

Make the forcemeat with the remainder of the ingredients, shape into small balls, fry in hot fat, and drain well.

Pile the rabbit pieces on a hot dish, strain over the gravy, arrange the forcemeat balls round the base, and serve the jelly separately.

Rabbit Pie

Make this delicious pie and see what a favourite it will be with the whole household.

Ingredients: 1 large rabbit or two small ones, ½ lb. ham or bacon or pickled pork, salt and pepper, 1 teaspoonful chopped parsley, little grated lemon rind, ½ lb. rough puff pastry.

Cut the rabbit into joints and slice the ham, place in a casserole with the parsley, lemon rind, and ½ pt. water. Cook in a slow oven for an hour.

When cold, arrange the meat in a pie dish, add two tablespoonfuls of the gravy, cover with rough puff pastry and bake for 45 minutes. Heat up the remainder of the gravy and pour into the pie.

Rabbit Pudding

And a pudding nourishes and satisfies the children.

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, ½ lb. diced pork, flour, salt and pepper, suet crust.

Wash and dry the rabbit, cut it into neat joints, and put head, neck and kidneys away for gravy.

Mix together 1 tablespoonful flour, 1 level teaspoonful salt, and season with pepper. Coat the rabbit and pork with the mixture, and pack closely in a basin lined with suet crust.

Almost fill the basin with water, moisten the edge of the crust, and place on the suet top. Cover with three folds of greased paper and steam for three hours.

Turn out on a hot dish, and serve with gravy made from the head, etc.

With Mushrooms

Rabbit flavoured with mushrooms and simmered till tender tastes excellent.

You will need 1 rabbit, 3 or 4 mushrooms, 2 onions, a sprig of parsley, seasoning.

Cut the rabbit in six pieces, put in a saucepan with a piece of butter or margarine, add a little flour, the mushrooms cut into quarters, the chopped onions, and chopped parsley.

In a minute or two add pepper, salt and sufficient stock to cover the rabbit, stir, put on the lid and simmer slowly till tender.

Serve with the mushrooms round the rabbit and a nice thick gravy.

In A Casserole

Cooked in a casserole with mushrooms makes another welcome change.

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 2 ozs. bacon, ½ lb. mushrooms, 2 teaspoons chopped parsley, 1 small onion, ¾ pt. brown sauce, seasoning, cayenne.

Prepare the rabbit and divide it into small points. Melt some butter or margarine in a frying pan and fry the joints quickly.

Remove the joints when cooked, and put the finely chopped bacon into the same pan.

Prepare the mushrooms, by chopping them, after washing and picking carefully. Reserve a few for garnish.

Add the chopped mushrooms and onions to the bacon, and fry quickly for a few minutes. Add parsley and seasoning. Put the joints of rabbit into a casserole, with the mushroom mixture sprinkled between the layers.

Pour the brown sauce over and cook in a moderately hot oven until the rabbit is tender.

Season the remainder of the mushrooms and put a pat of margarine on each. Cook them under the grill and garnish the rabbit with them before serving.

Brown Rabbit Stew

If you favour a nice brown rabbit stew, here's a nice one:

Ingredients: 1 rabbit, 1 oz. flour, 1 onion, 3 ozs. fat bacon, salt and pepper, 1½ pts. water, sprig of parsley, 2 cloves (tied in a piece of muslin).

Joint the rabbit neatly. Cut the bacon into squares and fry for a few minutes, then place in a casserole.

Fry the rabbit quickly in the bacon fat, then transfer it to the casserole. Fry the onion a light brown and place in the casserole. Add the flour to the remaining fat and fry till brown. Then stir in some of the water. Mix till smooth. Add the rest of the water, stir and bring to the boil.

Pour this liquid over the rabbit and the onion. Add salt, pepper, parsley and herbs.

Cook in a very slow oven for four hours. Remove the bag of herbs and serve in the casserole.

To Wash Artificial Silk

Because artificial silk or rayon was launched prematurely many women formed an unfavourable opinion of it. Some still have misgivings regarding it. But rayon has outgrown the need for special care. For the most part, it is now a "safe" fabric. In fact, it usually is less sensitive than silk, for it is not yellowed by strong soap, water softeners, hot water, sunshine, or age. The fibres are not prone to hold dirt; therefore they wash clean, quickly.

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If your rayon is guaranteed not to shrink—a three-to-five minute run in your household washer, mild soap and warm or lukewarm water, comprise the best washing "recipe." Wash your rayons in plenty of water; for when rayon is wet it is less strain-resistant. Put the rayons through at least two rinses of the same temperature. Press out as much water by hand as you can between rinses, for most rayon crushes fairly readily. Handle it gently as you ease each article into shape. Dry indoors away from extreme heat. Iron with the lowest heat provided by your ironer.

Rayons are so economical, attractive and practical, they repay the extra care they should have in their cleaning.

It Is Said

Knitting gives women something to think about while they're talking.

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If you have money people will look up to you when they are in a hole.

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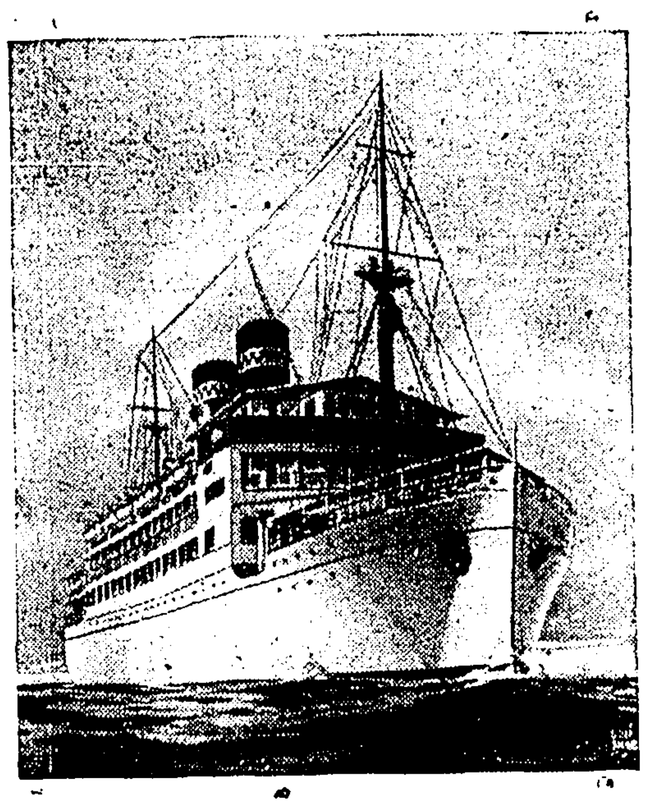

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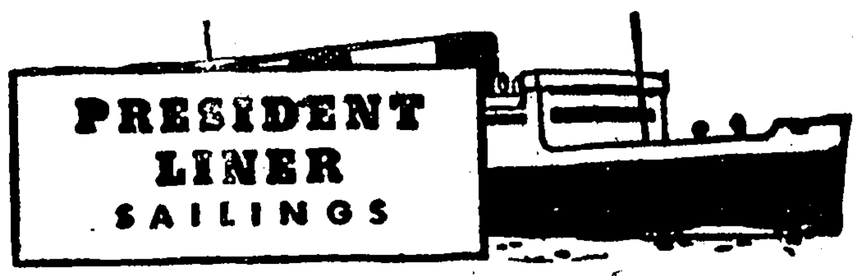

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8.15 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—'Casse Noisette' Suite, Op. 71a. Miniature Overture—Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy—Russian Dance—Arab Dance—Chinese Dance—Dance of the Flutes—Waltz of the Flowers....Leopold Stokowsky and the Philadelphia Orch.
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In welcoming the announcement that the Prime Minister of Australia will shortly visit London "The Times" remarks that under Mr. Menzies' leadership Australia has made and is making a contribution to the common effort which is worthy of her traditions and of the spirit of her people.

"In this war Australian fighting men and Australian supplies of food and raw material are playing a part as invaluable as in the last war, and in addition Australian industry, enormously developed in the past twenty-five years, is now taking a full share of the strain.

In all this effort the Commonwealth Government have acted throughout in close accord with the Government of the United Kingdom and, as for instance in the Empire Air Training Scheme and at the Delhi Conference on supply, with other Governments of the Empire.

Personal contact is always of importance in cooperative action. Mr. Menzies cannot have found it easy to arrange for a long absence in view of political difficulties caused by the recent General Election.

Smuts Too?

General Smuts can hardly be spared at present from South Africa where, in addition to handling a delicate situation in the Union itself, he is directing South African forces operating against the Italians on the Kenya border.

Nevertheless his recent meeting with Mr. Eden on his visit to the troops was clearly of the greatest value and we need not despair of seeing him and other Dominion Prime Ministers in London as soon as opportunity offers and circumstances permit.—British Wireless.

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YUNNAN'S PART IN THE WAR

The important part played by Yunnan in the war of resistance was emphasised in Chinese circles in Chungking yesterday.

Since the outbreak of hostilities Yunnan has sent more than 100,000 men to the various fronts and it is stated that the total investments by the Central Government in heavy industries in the province during the same period exceed 300 million dollars.

Another 300 million dollars has been spent on the building of railways and highways in Yunnan.

The total note issue of the Futien Bank, which is the provincial bank of Yunnan, amounted to 50 million dollars up to the end of 1940.

The bank has invested 60 million dollars in the development of the natural resources of the province. The annual output of tin from the world-famous mines at Ko Chiu, south of Kunming, estimated at 8,000 tons in pre-war days, has been increased to more than 10,000 tons.—Reuter.

SUGAR COUNCIL

The International Sugar Council met in London January 6 when delegates representing 74 of a total of one hundred votes were present.

The Council re-elected Gen. Sir Hugh Elles, chief British delegate, as Chairman, and Dr. D. H. C. Hart, head of the Netherlands delegation, as Vice-Chairman for the current quota year.

Delegates present were unanimously in favour of carrying on the International Sugar Agreement. They formally adopted various decisions reached at the informal meeting on August 23, 1940, including the decision that without creating a precedent export quotas for free market adopted for the third quota year ended August 31, 1940, would be maintained in the fourth year ending August 31, 1941, instead of reverting to the larger basic quotas, this decision being subject to review should there be a radical change in the world situation during the course of the quota year.

The decision is subject to confirmation by one delegation which is awaiting a cable from its Government.

The Council also set up a subcommittee under the chairmanship of Dr. G. H. C. Hart consisting of representatives of the Australian, Cuban, Dominician, Netherlands, U.S. and U.K. delegations, to study the present and post-war general statistical position of sugar and to report to the council at its next meeting.—British Wireless.

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CRICKET NOTES

RIDE HITS MINU FOR 22 RUNS IN ONE OVER

'Varsity Coached By Rumjahn

Gallant Knock By A. J. Hulse

By "Adrem"

ALTHOUGH KOWLOON Cricket Club juniors were responsible for the most spectacular feat in Saturday's League cricket programme, Baxter and Madar putting on 211 in an unbroken first-wicket stand, most meritorious performance was University's fine victory over Indian Recreation Club in First Division.

University, in both divisions, have shown consistent improvement this season, and I cannot say that this result surprised me very much.

While their individual keenness has had a great deal to do with their success, there is also another factor that has had much to do with it. A. H. Rumjahn, a graduate and one of the most experienced cricketers in the Colony, has put in a great deal of untiring work in an effort to raise the standard.

It is perhaps ironical that A. H. should have been a member of the side on which University served to demonstrate their improvement but I am sure, nevertheless, that he must have felt that the effort had been well worth it.

I understand that Rumjahn has spent most of his leisure moments in recent months at the University nets, where his coaching has been much appreciated and obviously assimulated.

I.R.C. Start Well

Batting first, I.R.C. were given an excellent start and with a useful score by K. M. Rumjahn and a really dashing innings by A. R. Kitchell, who hit 10 fours and was very severe on Mahmood, whom he despatched to the leg boundary with consistency, 80 runs were on the board for the loss of three wickets at 3 o'clock. Madar, who had been content to leave the scoring to Kitchell while the latter was in, then opened up somewhat and at 3.30 I.R.C. were in a very comfortable position with the board reading 140 for 5.

On the dismissal of Minu and Nazarin, both potential fast scorers, and the advent of A. R. H. Esmail, the rate of scoring slowed down considerably and I.R.C., as the result of painfully slow scoring in the last 30 minutes, were forced to declare at 4 o'clock with only 154 on the board — a total that would have been more than sufficient last season.

On the face of it, it would seem that Madar showed little enterprise latterly but I am told that he was not really to blame as it invariably happened that he would score a single and Esmail would play out the rest of the over. Esmail tried hard but simply could not get the ball away. He was obviously not the right man to be batting at such a time

Keen 'Varsity Fielding

The University attack had not been really dangerous but keen fielding always made run-getting a difficult proposition.

That University got the runs with 10 minutes to spare was due largely to the fine batting of L. T. Ride. The H.K.C.C. batsman gave a chanceless display, defending stoutly when the occasion demanded and later hitting with great effect.

Highlight of his innings was his cavalier treatment of Interporter Minu, off whose last over he took no fewer than 22 runs.

Tsui batted stolidly and Fenton was doing very well until he was unfortunate to be run out. He hit a ball to M. el Arculli at cover and called. Ride said "no" but

Fenton persisted and Arculli threw in and hit the wicket.

K.C.C. v C.C.C.

The match between the Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, and Craigengower Cricket Club, at the Valley, was an extraordinary one in many respects.

To start with, Hulse completely dominated the scoring of the home side and scored 58 out of the 80 runs which came from the bat, while Archie Zimmern, the K.C.C. wicket-keeper, very nearly reached the half-century in the matter of extras.

Set only 126 runs to win in the best part of two hours, K.C.C., who pride themselves on their ability to score quickly, had to struggle hard for the runs and, although there was never very much doubt that they would eventually get them, there is no knowing what would have happened if their earlier batsmen had become impatient and decided to hit out, in which case, as subsequent events proved, they would most certainly have got out.

Broadbridge's Fine Catches

K.C.C. started off well as J. L. Youngsaye, off the first ball he received from F. R. Zimmern, skied a ball into the slips, where Roggie Broadbridge made no mistake with a high chance. Then Ernie Zimmern, who was looking very confident, played forward at an out-swinger from his brother and Broadbridge again distinguished himself, holding a brilliant catch about an inch off the ground.

Craigengower's troubles were still not over as Francis Zimmern produced the best ball of the match which started outside Souza's legs, swung across and hit the off-stump, giving Souza no chance whatever.

With Craigengower's total 18 for 3, Zimmern and Lee bowling well and the K.C.C. field full of confidence, it would not have surprised if Craigengower had all

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MIGHTY HITTING BY CRAIGENGOWER TAIL-END BATSMEN

By "Adrem"

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE produced some interesting cricket on Saturday, two centuries and a hat-trick being registered, the 211 partnership between Baxter and Madar, for K.C.C. against University, probably constituting a record.

The best match of the day, however, was the I.R.C.-C.C.C. fixture at Sookunpoo, where Craigengower, who are making a strong challenge for the title this season, scored an excellent win.

At one time it appeared any odds on a draw, as, at 5.30, Craigengower were still some 60 runs behind with barely 30 minutes to go. Hurricane hitting by U. M. Omar, who lifted the bowling over the sight screen at least three times, A. B. Hamson and U. H. Esmail, enabled these runs to be secured five minutes before 6 o'clock.

Situation Redeemed

At one time, I.R.C., who batted first, appeared likely to be all out for under 100. They had been given a good start by A. H. Ismail and A. R. Sufflad but a collapse set in and several wickets fell cheaply. A. M. Omar, who had bowled 13 overs, then took himself off and J. M. A. Rumjahn, F. A. Curreem and M. A. Wahab took heavy toll of some loose bowling by Lam.

Left-handed Esmail, however, found a length and finished off the innings in quick time.

A. M. Omar bowled very well and had all the I.R.C. batsmen in trouble, while veteran U. M. always appeared likely to take wickets but had no luck. Esmail gave a very promising display and should do even better when he acquires more experience.

C.C.C. started off promisingly, Lee, Hung and Lam all doing well, but, when Hamson went in, four wickets were down for about 80 runs with little more than half an hour to go.

Hamson took no chances at the outset but when he had played himself in he hit hard, as did U. M. Omar and Esmail, and the necessary runs were hit off in an exciting finish.

Times Differ

A discrepancy in the times of the pavilion clock and the scorers' watches, resulting in a late declaration by K.C.C., may well cost Kowloon the championship, as University held them to a draw.

Baxter and Madar, of course, made centuries but as the opposition bowling was weak and both batsmen have had considerable experience in senior cricket, this feat is not nearly as remarkable as it sounds!

University had no possible chance of getting the runs and quite justifiably made no effort but Fenton nearly proved their downfall as he took 5 for 35 and eight wickets had fallen when stumps were drawn.

N. Singh played a fine innings and did much to save the undergraduates from outright defeat.

Silva's Consistency

P. M. N. da Silva, former Recreio cricket secretary, is evidently having the time of his life in the second team, in which he plays by preference. He has rarely completely failed since he elected to go down and on Saturday he had his best match to date, batting well for 32 runs, and taking 6 for 23, to practically win the match on his own. Prata also made a few runs and left-handed F. J. Remedios hit hard, if somewhat unskilfully for 50 not out.

For the Police, Carey bowled steadily and Pope did the hat-trick but the Champions were always up against it and never looked like winning.

been out for under 50. Hulse, however, after rather a shaky opening during which he could not get the ball in the middle of the bat either in attack or defence, settled down. He gave a chance to Broadbridge in the slips but the ball was never more than a foot off the ground and it travelled fast to the left hand, and there were one or two other chance later on, but they were all difficult and no blame can be attached to the fielders for not accepting them.

A. K. Ismail deserves the utmost credit for a fine defensive innings.

Francis Zimmern bowled very well in his first spell, when he was making the ball swing across late to the off but he then became obsessed with the idea that he could bowl leg-theory and this started the wicket-keeping rot which subsequently developed into a rout!

Robbie Lee, in his brief spell, bowled as well as anybody. He made good pace off the wicket and was turning the ball a lot, while Lloyd was steady enough although most of his wickets were virtual gifts.

Steady Bowling

Backed by a keen field, Billimoria and Souza kept Anderson and Hung tied in knots and on that small ground, and notwithstanding a fair measure of boundary snicks, this pair could only put on 36 in the first three-quarters of an hour, Hung who never appeared comfortable, scored 23 of these in one of his shakiest innings for some time

Anderson was solid but, even when defending, was beaten more often than I have seen him beaten in any other innings this season but his wicket remained intact and, not until Kowloon's total was in sight of their opponents', was he bowled by Ismail. Ernie Fincher was very enterprising and scored much quicker than anyone else but he was never too certain where his shots would finish.

Craigengower did very well and have no reason to be dissatisfied. When their acknowledged batsmen settle down they will cause some upsets in the League as they have one of the best-balanced attacks in the Colony.

CRICKET CLUB SELECTIONS

The following teams will represent H.K.C.C. on Saturday at 2.00 p.m.:—

1st XI v Royal Artillery at H.K.C.C.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, T. G. C. Knight, M. F. L. Haymes, F. Baker, K. J. Attwell, N. D. Booker, T. V. N. Fortescue and A. K. Mackenzie.

2nd XI v D.B.S. at Diocesan Boys' School—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, D. S. Robb, I. P. Tamworth, W. G. Finnie, A. J. Dewar, D. O. Parsons, H. J. Armstrong, O. E. C. Marton, D. B. Evans and E. W. Pudney.

C.C.C. Teams

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in League cricket matches on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m.:—

1st XI v I.R.C. (home)—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, J. W. Leonard, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Youngsaye. Reserve: T. Edgar.

2nd XI v K.C.C. (away)—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way. Reserves: O. M. Omar and L. Chon.

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L/Cpl. Pelham, c Honeywell, b West	13
S/Sgt. Megson, c Wilson, b West	0
Sgt. Shipp, c and b Brown	22
Spr. Ratcliffe, c Boyes, b Horgan	13
Lieut. Holliday, l.b.w., b Brown	0
Spr. Bailey, l.b.w., b Brown	6
S/Sgt. Kenoe, l.b.w., b West	0
Sgt. Dobson, l.b.w., b West	2
Spr. Horreen, not out	0
L/Cpl. Thompson, b Brown	0
Extras (LB4)	4
Total	65

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
West	6	2	11	5
Horgan	4	0	36	1
Brown	2	0	14	4

TAMAR C.C.

West, b Shipp	38
Brown, b Tropp	2
West, b Tropp	13
Honeywell, b Holliday	1
Boyes, run out	0
Wilson, b Tropp	0
Horgan, c Kehoe, b Horren	35
Snell, c Holliday, b Shipp	1
Robinson, b Horren	10
Hopkins, not out	22
Sharp, b Tropp	8
Extras (B5, LB1)	6
Total	136

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	5.5	0	36	4
Megson	4	0	34	0
Holliday	3	0	16	1
Shipp	4	1	23	2
Horren	2	0	21	2

BADMINTON

ST. JOHN'S AND K.C.C. SCORE WINS

Four matches were played in "B" Division of the Badminton League last night, most notable results being the victories of St. John's and Kowloon Cricket Club. Following were the scores:

J.R.C. v Chung Wah

At Robinson Road, Jewish Recreation Club lost to Chung Wan by 8 games to 1.

A. R. Pollak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.).
lost to C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy ..... 9—21
lost to P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu ..... 21—23
lost to F. S. Li and S. C. Liang ..... 5—21

L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.).
lost to Chiu and Choy .... 5—21
lost to Leung and Chiu ... 16—21
lost to Li and Liang ..... 10—21

B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.).
lost to Chiu and Choy .... 5—21
lost to Leung and Chiu .... 12—21
beat Li and Liang ..... 21— 9

K. Tong v St. John's

Playing at home, Kowloon Tong lost to St. John's by 6 games to 3.

Peter Lo and Joe Tsang (Kowloon Tong).
lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson ..... 18—21
beat R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd ..... 21— 9
lost to H. Eardley and D. Kwok ..... 4—21

J. A. Chen and N. A. E. Mackay (Kowloon Tong).
lost to Smith and Wilson .. 8—21
beat Maynard and Ladd .. 21— 8
lost to Eardley and Kwok . 3—21

R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong).
lost to Smith and Wilson .. 18—21
beat Maynard and Ladd .. 21— 7
lost to Eardley and Kwok .. 3—21

Recreio v V.R.C.

At King's Park Recreio beat Victoria Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2.

P. P. Botelho and K. A. Yvanovich Jr. (Recreio).
lost to D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn ..... 22—24
beat A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares ..... 21—13
beat F. Castro and A. A. Remedios ..... 21—13

E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio).
beat Xavier and Rumjahn .. 21—16
beat Basto and Soares ..... 21—3
beat Castro and Remedios .. 21— 8

A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio).
lost to Xavier and Rumjahn ..... 18—21
beat Basto and Soares ..... 21—11
beat Castro and Remedios .. 21—17

CHINESE TEAM FOR LAI WAH CUP SOCCER

The following have been selected to represent Chinese against the Army in the Lai Wah Cup at Causeway Bay ground on Monday, Jan. 27, at 3.30 p.m.:

Cheung Wing-choi (Sing Tao); Tsang Chung-wan (South China), Lee Tin-sang (Sing Tao); Lau Hing-choi (South China), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Hsu King-sing (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern), Fung King-cheong (Sin Tao), V. K. Hyui (Eastern), Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: — Lee Kwok-kee (Kwong Wah), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Leung Wing-chiu (Sing Tao), Tse Kam-hung (South China), Kwok Ying-ki (Sing Tao), Wong King-chung (Kwong Wah), C. T. Tsao (Eastern), Chan Tak-fai (South China), Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah).

K.C.C. WIN

At St. Andrew's, the home team lost to Kowloon Cricket Club by 5 games to 4.

IMPRESSIVE INNINGS BY DOUGLASS

By "Adrem"

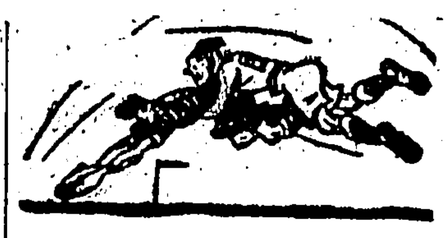
A Hong Kong Cricket Club "A" team were surprised by the Royal Scots in a friendly cricket match at Chater Road on Saturday, Douglass Coombes and Emmerson batting well and easily securing the 150 runs set them.

Perry and Bishop made runs for Cricket Club and a declaration was made at 150 for 8. Bateman taking six of the wickets that fell for only 41.

Scots lost Godley and Alsey early but Douglass and Coombes became associated and scored freely. Douglass's innings was really first-class and it is a great pity that this officer does not play more often, but Coombes, although effective, was at times rather crude. Most of his runs came from straight drives and hooks and he revealed a very keen eye and strong wrists in playing some of his shots.

The Club bowling was not good and fast-bowler Dewar came in for a good deal of punishment from both Coombes and Douglass.

Match between Civil Service and an Army-cum-R.A.F. team did not produce a very high standard of batting and only 98 runs were scored in the course of the afternoon. Best bowling performances were Hawkins' 5 for 13, Stone's 3 for 15 and College's 3 for 0, while Denyer was highest scorer of the match with 18!



RUGGER INTERPORT

It is evident that Shanghai, up to last week, were living in hopes of there being a Rugger Interport.

Here is an extract from the "N.C.D. News" dated a few days ago:—

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ABYSSINIAN REVOLT

Bands Unite Against Italy

THE REVOLT THAT HAS SMOULDERED IN ABYSSINIA EVER SINCE THE ITALIAN CONQUEST FIVE YEARS AGO IS BURSTING INTO FLAMES, AND PATRIOTIC WARRIORS, ENCOURAGED BY NEWS THAT EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE IS ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY ACROSS THE FRONTIER, ARE RALLYING TO HIS STANDARD IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Small independent bands, which hitherto have harried Italy's isolated garrisons, are beginning to unite against the common enemy. They are being supplied with arms and equipment, for which grateful messages have been received in Khartoum.

News reaching Khartoum suggests the movement has been greatly stimulated by the Emperor's recent proclamation announcing his determination to lead the patriot army in person.

Leaflets containing the proclamation are being scattered wholesale by the R.A.F.

Resistance so far has centred in the Gojjam district, near Lake Tana, in north-west Abyssinia, where the Italians long have been restricted to fortified positions

Lake Tana Rising

Now the Gallas of the south have asked the Gojjam leader to send an envoy to organise resistance to the Italians in their district.

Several chiefs in the sector east of Lake Tana (which is some 200 miles north-west of Addis Ababa) are also reported to be up in arms against the Italians.

Even the Negro element, ruled by descendants of former kings, are fighting for the Emperor.

The revolt is being greatly assisted by the failure of the Italians, in the face of sporadic resistance by the inhabitants, to establish their authority outside the main centres.

In large tracts of country the administration has had to be left to the Abyssinians. — Reuter.

TRIBESMEN SNIPE IN TOWNS

An official report from Khartoum gives some idea of the difficulties the Italians are experiencing in Abyssinia.

While British patrols constantly harass them on the frontier, thousands of Abyssinian tribesmen are raiding isolated outposts, attacking convoys and even sniping at Italians in the towns with rifles and ammunition supplied by the British.

Over a large area, the Italians have absolutely no au-

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Colony's Huge War Budget

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revised estimate which I am afraid is somewhat on the optimistic side is $9,700,000.

So far from local defence and war expenses not aggregating more than 2 million dollars per annum, they have aggregated almost 12 million in the last year, due chiefly to expenditure on A.R.P. and food reserves.

Two contributions of £100,000 each have been made to H.M. Government bringing the total war expenditure to 15 million dollars. I may add in passing that this Colony is further contributing £200,000 per annum for the period of the war from the profits of its Exchange Fund, while almost a further £100,000 has been raised in the past year by voluntary subscription through the War Fund inaugurated by the South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Telegraph.

The excess of $5,300,000 on war expenses has had to be met from ordinary revenue, and to increase that tobacco duties were raised in September.

The tax on cash sweeps has been doubled and postage rates are about to be raised.

The recent increase in railway charges has not been to produce revenue but to offset the increased cost of coal, and the aim of the further increase in the petrol duties was not to produce more revenue, but, by reducing consumption particularly in respect of private cars, to conserve foreign exchange and save tonnerage. With the assistance of this increased taxation it is hoped that ordinary revenue, which has come in well all the year, will be sufficient not only to meet increased ordinary expenditure but also the war expenditure not covered by existing war taxation.

I now come to the resolution before Council "that the draft estimates of expenditure for 1941-42 be approved." These estimates amount in all to $62,389,776 inclusive of $12,300,274 specifically classed as war expenditure.

The estimated revenue is $54,836,000, $45,536,000 from ordinary sources, and $9,300,000 from war taxation, leaving a deficit of $7,553,776.

Two Considerations

There have been two major considerations in framing the estimates, first defence, secondly social services.

Defence it is submitted must in present circumstances come first but it is also submitted that in the present financial position of this Colony social services must not be allowed to lag behind, nor even to stand still, but should advance so far as circumstances permit.

The major items in the defence budget for next year are 4 million dollars for the completion of the programme for the construction of tunnels, concrete pens, etc., for the protection of the civil population against air attack and $5,220,000 for the construction of vessels to be presented to the Admiralty and War Department, in respect of which no expenditure has been incurred during the present year.

No specific provision has been made for cash gifts to H.M. Government as these will depend on the financial position during the course of the year, but I venture to submit that in meeting from its own resources the relatively large local defence programme undertaken under Your Excellency's direction this Colony has made a definite contribution to the defence of the Empire.

Regarding social services it is my firm belief that economic development must precede and be the basis of social welfare and these draft estimates include provision for a Fisheries Research Station, and an Experimental Agricultural Station in the New Territories.

The draft estimates also include provision for the daily collection of nightsoil from the tenements in the urban area by labour directly employed by the Sanitary Department, in place of the present system under which the nightsoil is removed by freelance coolies employed by the householders. This scheme is sponsored by the Urban Council and strongly recommended by my Honourable friend the Director of Medical Services, who is Government's adviser in health matters. The Urban Council has suggested, and Government favours the suggestion, that the additional annual expenditure of between 4 and 5 lakhs should be met by an increase of one per cent. on the rates.

The existing unsatisfactory arrangements are estimated to cost householders half a million dollars annually, and the proposal will relieve those concerned of that expenditure and spread it over the community generally, which seems only fair in so far as the sewers provided for those whose tenements have flush systems have been paid for likewise from taxation by the community as a whole.

Provision has also been made for an Infectious Diseases Hospital, and a new Public Mortuary and Disinfecting Station, Kowloon, for a new block for the Central Police Station and new Police Stations at Kowloon Tong and Blue Pool Road. Government has again felt it its duty to increase, this time to $750,000, the subvention to the Tung Wah Hospitals.

Middle Course

I am afraid all of these measures will not find favour with the conservative, who will say cut this or retrench that, but if the Colony is to advance as it should, and it still lags far behind modern standards in many respects, it must have these amenities and if it must have them it must pay for them. The estimates have already been pruned to what must be considered an excessive degree by idealists who may condemn Government for having failed in the middle of a total war to build Jerusalem with its hospitals and health centres, its colleges and schools, in Hong Kong's green and pleasant land. We have tried to steer a middle course and have followed the golden mean of practicality as against the extremes both of ultra conservatism and radical change. As I have already stated these draft estimates involve a deficit of 7 million dollars. The 1% increase on the rates already referred to will, if approved, reduce that deficit to roughly $6,5000,000. How is that to be met?

Your Excellency has already signed orders increasing by ten cents per gallon the duty on heavy oils to be used as fuel for heavy oil road vehicles and imposing a duty of ten cents per gallon on other hydrocarbon oils at present untaxed, which are estimated to bring in $1,000,000 per annum, and an order further increasing the duties on liquor which are estimated to bring in $650,000 per annum.

It is proposed to increase the Entertainments Tax, to increase Estate Duty and impose a new tax on table waters, and an order to that effect under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance has also been signed.

There is no reason why the consumers of sarsaparilla and lemonade should not in their degree contribute with the brandy and whisky drinkers to the upkeep of the Colony. The amended Entertainments tax should produce an additional $300,000 per annum, the table waters tax $300,000, and the increased Estate Duty $600,000. Our prospective deficit is, therefore, reduced to roughly 3½ million dollars, though I must emphasize that all these calculations of revenue presuppose a continuation of the prosperity of the Colony.

It appears to me that there remains one way only to meet the remaining deficit which represents roughly the excess of war expenditure over war revenue and that is by increasing the war taxation. Although the War Revenue Ordinance has secured considerably more revenue than was anticipated it has failed to secure enough to meet the revised war expenditure either in the current year or in 1941-42.

The simplest way, and I must confess the way which first appealed to me, largely on account of its simplicity, is to increase the standard rates possibly by one half from 10% to 15%, but I am satisfied that this would emphasize to an intolerable degree the inequities and imperfections of the present compromise taxes. I have already stated that it was estimated that the four taxes would bring in 6 million dollars per annum.

The revised estimate is $9,700,000. But how is that composed? Salaries Tax is estimated to bring in $1,000,000 as was anticipated, Property Tax $2,300,000 against $2,000,000 while Corporation and Business Profits should bring in $6,400,000 against $3,000,000, but this figure includes not less than $5,500,000 in respect of Corporation Profits and only $900,000 in respect of Business Profits, which is disappointingly small when it is remembered that business include all non-incorporated firms, and also professional men who do not pay Salaries Tax.

Three Alternatives

We seem to be faced with three alternatives, first to prepetuate and increase the existing inequity by increasing without other modification the existing rates, second to amend radically the present Ordinance with a view to spreading its incidence more fairly over the community, third without increasing drastically the present standard rates to revert to proper Income Tax which was original proposal of this Government in 1939, and which Government has always considered to be the fairest form of taxation.

Far be it from me to seek to resuscitate a controversy that is dead and buried, but Government has a right to invoke the cooperation of all in finding the best means of meeting war expenditure which, I am sure, everyone will agree is unavoidable.

Circumstances have altered considerably since Government accepted with expressed reluctance the recommendations of the War Revenue Committee and though Government does not propose to repudiate that acceptance it feels, in view of the change in the financial position and the situation disclosed by the actual receipts from the four war taxes, that the principles on which the taxation is based should be reconsidered. I am accordingly authorised by Your Excellency to state that you propose to reconstitute the War Revenue Committee and to refer the matter to it for re-examination and advice.

I venture in passing to invite the attention of Honourable Members to the fact that expenditure on the War Taxation Department itself both this year and next has been and will be kept considerably lower than the original estimate.

It only remains for me to add that the detailed preparation of the estimates of expenditure has been in the competent hands of Mr. Todd, who has also been responsible for the preparation of the memorandum which accompanies it.

thority and their control is chiefly confined to towns and the main roads and even this is not always the case.

The R.A.F. raids are a great encouragement to the tribesmen, particularly in helping them to persuade those of their countrymen enlisted in the Italian forces to desert.—Reuter.

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Fourteen Americans, forming the first group of ambulance drivers financed by the "American Field Service," are leaving Rio de Janeiro to-day in the Japanese ship "Africa Maru" for South Africa. All scions of notable families, they include two multi-millionaires. They will serve either with the Free French or the British forces in Libya, Abyssinia or the Near East. —Reuter.

Official figures released this afternoon show that the revised estimate of revenue for 1940-41 is $67,000,000, an excess of $16,138,530 over the original estimate. The actual Ordinary Revenue has been approximately 13.7 per cent. more than the proportionate amount of the estimate, and War Taxation has produced far more than anticipated.

WEATHER FORECAST: — North and north-east winds, fresh; cloudy, occasional rains.